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To Our Beloved Smitty

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Editor's Note

by WarhoundOne

2015 – The Year In Review by Star.Sapphire

The year 2015 brought with it a number of changes to Kickass Torrents. We saw changes in KAT leadership, the addition of new site features, and even an unofficial magazine. Sadly, both KAT and the bittorrent world at large also saw their share of losses.

Perhaps one of the most unique endeavors to be undertaken in 2015 was this KATalyst Magazine, "the unofficial Kickass Torrents magazine." The bi-monthly publication is a collaborative effort originally spearheaded by KAT Elite, Moderators, Super Users, and writers. Focusing primarily upon user-generated content, it made its first public appearance on March 29, 2015, and continues to offer its readers a variety of material such as Movie Reviews, Book Reviews, and Poetry. The KATalyst operates by permission of Kat.cr staff and administration, with its activities being directed by a Publisher, Editor-In-Chief, Creative Director and Head Writer

In mid-2015 KAT members were directed to an announcement wherein it was stated that KickassTorrents staff had made the decision to create a **new uploader status**. Members were encouraged to vote for the name of the new title, and given a choice between Verified Original Uploader and Elite Uploader. A majority of members preferred Elite Uploader, and the new status was applied soon after. Those who gain the status are described by Kat.cr as **"uploaders that provide you with original content."**

The summer of 2015 saw not only a new site status, but also changes in the administration at Kat.cr. **Mr.Gooner** became Mr.President, while **Mr.Black** and **Mr.White** began working very closely with the Translation Department. The current KAT administration consists of **Mr.Gooner, Mr.Black** and **Mr.White**; 2015 likewise saw the addition of a number of new KAT Moderators as well as an addition to the KickassTorrents Tech Crew.

The fourth annual Staff Of The Year and Moderator Of The Year voting took place during the last quarter of 2015. Additionally, the first Forum Moderator Of The Year contest was introduced. In these events, KAT members are polled and requested to vote for their favorite Staff Member, Super Moderator, and Forum Moderator. The 2015 winners were **Mr.Gooner** (Staff), **sumi** (Moderator), and **Sir.Wolf** (Forum Moderator). Congratulations to the winners!

The year 2015 may well be remembered as "the year of the upgrade." Throughout the year there were multiple improvements and new features were introduced which greatly enhanced the Kat.cr user experience. One of the most visible changes is KAT's new tracker refresh mechanism, or "scraper." The previous system displayed individual tracker statistics, however the upgrade automatically updates a torrent's seeding and leeching information. Also evident is Kat.cr's constant focus on the safety of its membership, as seen in the introduction of the Web Of Trust site check system, that is displayed when a user views the external link confirmation popup. These improvements, along with many others including new achievements, comment previews, and the ability to insert YouTube BB tags with the click of a button (no more copy-pasting those tags or writing them from memory) were well received.

While 2015 was a great year it was not, as previously mentioned, without its losses. In October the bittorrent world was shocked by the takedown of the well known YIFY/YTS release group and the subsequent loss of the popular demonii tracker. At KickassTorrents there were losses of a personal nature. The passing of KAT veteran and **Forum Moderator Smittech** (Smitty) in November was deeply felt. He was memorialized throughout the site, and many members paid tribute to him by adopting his avatar picture as their own. In 2015 we lost **Smittech, darkhomr, HectorAU, and crzdolmn555**. These members are irreplaceable jewels in KAT's crown and we at KATalyst Magazine extend our condolences to all family, friends, and acquaintances.

Interview - Deckard.Shaw (formerly Chev.Chelios)
Madman With A Box

by Star.Sapphire

For this *KATalyst* issue I had the opportunity to speak at length with Deckard.Shaw. My intent in this interview was to have a bit of fun - to make the subject seem to be a human being, and not just an ominous name. I also hoped to bring out some details that might not be readily apparent, and to answer some questions that our readers may have about KAT leadership. You see, Deckard.Shaw is a username that appears on KAT in a spooky red font. For many of us, the obvious question is, "Who are these 'red font' people and what do they do on KAT?" The first answer is that they are real people, just like the rest of us. The second is that they are Kat.cr Staff members...or, actually, maybe not.

You might be surprised to know that Deckard.Shaw tells us that he is not KAT Staff (more on this later). You won't be surprised at all to hear that he actually is a "real person," - laid back are the exact words that popped into my thoughts when I read some of his responses. For instance, his ideal evening with a significant other is dinner at "probably a downtown restaurant" where he's going to enjoy "something with meat and greens." His beverage of choice?, "A Corona or Heineken, of course." If the computer is turned off and he's gone for the day to do something he enjoys, he'll probably be found with his friends. What are they doing that day? "Whatever we get up to," he says.

While Deckard.Shaw may be "laid back," on KAT he plays a different role. You may not see him, but don't get the idea that he is aloof – he isn't – he is busy working for the site. During our interview I made it a point to quiz him in detail about the activities of Staff Members and his work. His answers were so thorough that I think it would be an injustice to present them in any other way than verbatim:

KATalyst: On the KAT.cr People page there is a list of Moderators, Admins, and Staff. The work of a Moderator seems clear, and there are descriptions of what the Admins do. What the Staff position is (and does) isn't really clear. So then, what exactly does Staff do on KAT?

Deckard.Shaw: Staff does what the Mods do, but they deal with account security and appeals (who should come back from a self-delete/delete/ban) as well.

KATalyst: How long have you been a member of the Staff?

Deckard.Shaw: "since 9 months ago" according to KAT. Though for the past few months I've stopped being a full Staff member and just focused on the developing part. Only recently has the People page been changed and this was due to Gazza-911's promotion.

KATalyst: Do Staff members start out as regular members like everyone else?

Deckard.Shaw: Yes, we all do. You look back and see screenshots of Staff members as Super Users, it's quite funny really (example: check out the Patient of Doctor Who Achievement - I posted a screenshot which shows me as a Super User). Before 23rd of December 2013, I was a User. Bubanee promoted me to Super User and about 10 months later SMOK3 promoted me to Torrent Helper and then so on. Around this time I got really interested with ideas and I eventually became a Developer.

KATalyst: What is the KAT Tech Crew (and congratulations on there now being 2 members)?

Deckard.Shaw: For all confused people, we are not Staff (despite me being Staff before), we focus on ideabox maintenance, idea implementation, bug fixing, testing, and other tech related stuff. We work at the elbow of a Developer who works so hard for KAT he deserves a medal. I'm

sure some of you more active people know him.

KATalyst: Staff have unique (we might even say weird) descriptions beneath their names. I'll call them "job titles." I have a couple of questions concerning your title. Are you really a madman, and do you have a box? And if do you have a box, what's inside it?

Deckard.Shaw: Hahaha. Madman...well depends how you look at it. I am not crazy or anything, lol, but in a nice way sure. A box...er...no.

KATalyst: The more serious question: "Madman with a box." Does it have something to do with KAT's ideabox? Or maybe Santa Claus? If not, then what in the world does "Madman with a box" mean?

Deckard.Shaw: "Madman with a Box" refers to my favorite TV Show of all time: Doctor Who! Best show out there, trust me. The Doctor is the madman and the TARDIS is the box.

KATalyst: Is KAT.cr different from other torrent communities? How so?

Deckard.Shaw: I don't know exactly what makes KickassTorrents so Kickass, but we seem to have what a lot of torrent sites don't have and that is millions of people and a community with thousands of users. We also have a hard working team of Moderators/etc on Team Kickass who work their asses off to make sure KAT is a safe place. We have hard working Developers and Designers (pre-my era) who did a fantastic job at building the ever so amazing interface. Some sites have similar to what I described but it doesn't seem to ever match KAT.

KATalyst: Scenario: a member just messaged you about an idea, and you think it's a great idea! What do you do now? How long would it take to get the idea implemented, assuming it's an idea that doesn't involve a lot of work?

Deckard.Shaw: First thing I check, is this idea practical? Too much work for the servers? Too much work for us to implement such a small thing? Not many people wanting it? Not urgent? Etc. Then I've got to check, can I do it myself? If so, I check if it's okay with the Head Dev (in cases of big changes otherwise I just do it) and I do it within a week usually. It does depend on how busy I am though. If I can't [do it] I will pass it on.

KATalyst: Scenario: An uploader joined KAT about 6 months ago. Now he/she is addicted to the site and feels like he/she would like to do something more - but is not sure what they can do. What advice would you give this person?

Deckard.Shaw: Work hard, follow rules, and I usually send them a thread which covers a bunch of things users can do.

KATalyst: Is your inbox constantly filled with messages from people who are submitting ideas? If you had to guess (and you do, haha), about how many messages do you get every day?

Deckard.Shaw: If you take away iKickass, about 50% are idea related. iKickass notifications are usually people commenting on ideas I bookmark. It's a good way of reminding me what the popular ideas are. Minus iKickass, there's about 5-15 [messages from] different people per day.

At the conclusion of our interview, I asked DS if he had anything else he'd like to add or share. In response, he gave us the following FAQ, again in his own words:

"Common questions from people when I talk with them:

Q. What is your country?

A. New Zealand.

Which is usually followed by something like…

Q. Ooh, New Zealand, is it nice there?

A. Of course :)

And this one is all too popular…

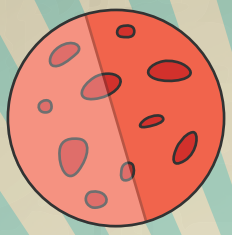
Q. Can you give me the _____ Achievement?

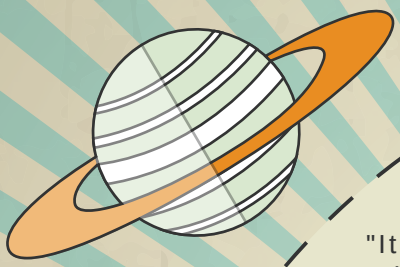
A. Do you have proof?"

Deckard.Shaw – he's not quite mad and he doesn't really have a box. He and others like him stand behind the curtains at KAT, keeping the show running quite smoothly.

A SPECIAL DAY IN HISTORY

by Forestheard





"Well here we are, about to go down in history", Davis said to no one in particular.

"It is certainly something special! Our first alien contact," I replied.

"You were the one who deciphered their transmissions. No one ever thought of using gravity waves as a way to communicate." Saunders said to me.

"They will be arriving any minute. We have the various leaders from ALL of the different nations gathered here. These will be the most important visitors the United Nations has ever had. Should be interesting to see what they have to say to..." I stopped in mid-sentence as the doors opened and in walked the two from another world.

A male and female, both strikingly human looking except for the ears which appeared slightly more pointed and placed higher on the side of the head. Their hair seemed more like fur. They were slightly taller than the average human. The Chairman of the UN stepped forward.

"I wish to welcome you on behalf of the people of the planet Earth. I hope that our two planets will share peace and prosperity and that we may learn many lessons from each other." The Chamber rang with thunderous applause.

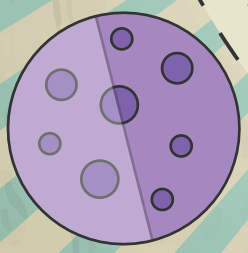
The Male visitor raised his hand and the applause died down, at which point he began to speak.

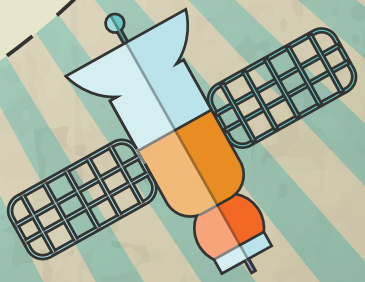
"We of the planet Algon also wish the same. We wish to share what we know so that all may benefit. From all the information we have gathered on our way here, we have found a group of your people who will best do this. These dedicated people have done much to foster peace and increase knowledge among your people. This is what we look for when we visit other planets. With that said, if this most prestigious group known as the United Nations could please arrange a meeting, we would be so grateful."

The other members looked at each other, whispering and wondering who this alien could mean.

"And the name of this organization you speak so highly of that you wish to meet with?" asked the leader of the UN.

"This group of people we know only as ...**KAT**", was the reply....





Six of My Brothers

by OptimusPr1me

Six of my Legionnaire brothers who were training to get their *Brevet de Skieur Militaire* (BSM) were killed on January 18th. The BSM is 3 weeks of relentless mountain outings where physical and mental hardening must overcome the climatic conditions. Six different nationalities, all lost in the same way of passing. This is not how a Legionnaire wants to see their time out in the Legion. The oldest had already served more than 5 years and this is not the ending of his career the way he would have wanted it.

It is hard for anyone to have to deal with loss, but when it is a loss of multiple people at the same time, everything, all you are feeling just gets enhanced by tenfold.

The Legion trains in the most barren of places, from deserts in Africa to the glacial fields in Siberia. Of course, things go wrong every once in a while but not leading to the death of anyone. Men get hurt and hospitalised during training, but this is what happened in France and was Mother Nature taking what she thought was hers.

This is something we all have to accept and there is nothing that can be done about it. When the next group needs to go for their BSM, we will still go to the same place to do the same thing. Fear of what happened in the past is not a luxury that is becoming of a Legionnaire. This is part of the training of a Legionnaire as well, to become fearless yet not nonchalant or arrogant about their abilities, their abilities to perform under pressure, their abilities to perform in the face of death.

We bury our brothers with honour and remember their sacrifices already made, they have paid the ultimate price. Some people say that the way they do the training up there is too reckless and they were asking for it. Perhaps this is true but no one deserves to die, nor does anyone ask for it, they were training to become better soldiers, to be able to protect all of us even better.

They understood the dangers like anyone else did in the group of Legionnaires that were up there, but they were the unlucky few to get caught in the avalanche.

I knew none of them personally as such but as a Legionnaire, you do not need to know each and every single one personally. As Legionnaires you have a bond that is stronger than even a bond between siblings I have been told. When one suffers, we all do and that bond is something that has always drawn me to the Legion, why I stayed that long (22 years) and even after trying my luck in a civilian position, ***is making me return to the Legion once more.***

In honor of my fallen comrades:

Caporal Touré Lamarana, Malagasy, 33, Legionnaire Since 2008
Légionnaire de 1re classe Samuel Simi, Italian, 26, Legionnaire Since 2013
Legionnaire Lal Bahadur Khapangi, Nepalese, 24, Legionnaire Since 2014
Legionnaire Gheorghe Palade, Moldovan, 21, Legionnaire Since January 2015
Legionnaire Denis Halili, Albanian, 21, Legionnaire Since July 2015
Légionnaire de 1re classe David Hetenyi, Hungarian, 23, Legionnaire Since December 2014

I marched so proud -
a Legionnaire
my comrades by my side
We fought our battles brave and well
whilst blood flowed like some raging tide.

Then with the battle fought and won
we'd turn our backs to leave,
the families of our valiant foe
to crumple down and grieve.

And I cannot begin to think
within my tortured mind,
'bout happy times-
when last I laughed
for all I seem to find;

Are moments when I'm carried back
Into some battlefield,
where I have witnessed pain and death
and many fates were sealed.

I too, have been a victim
aggressor - sometimes too,
but don't dare tell me what pain is
when you've no inclination what I've been through;

I've oft-times thought why did I do -
those things which I was taught,
but when you are a Legionnaire
you're a family that can't be bought.

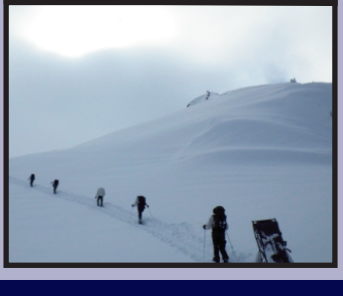
Some nights I wake up sweating,
when their ghosts come back to me,
I've oft-times cried myself to sleep,
when the dead won't let me be;

And I still see their faces
as they beg me to be saved,
but when you are a Legionnaire
your valiant foe cannot be saved.

And what of life and living now?
It's all so dull, mundane,
when all I wish is to return
to the Legion E'tranger again;

And face some fearsome fighting foe
where I may chance to die,
a Stalwart-Warrior - a French Legionnaire
who longs no more-to cry.....

(Poem by DesertFox)



Interview - Forum Moderator Maraya21 The Goddess Of Awesomeness

by Star.Sapphire

As I prepared myself to cross the threshold and step into a sacred precinct (that is to say, to send a message on KAT), I realized that I was nervous and alone. What exactly was I going to say to a…no…the (we need the definite article) Goddess Of Awesomeness?

If Maraya21 is unknown to you, it's likely because she has recently "returned" to KAT after almost six months of computer trouble. Technically, she was never really absent, though she was much less visible. Her visits were accomplished via smartphone, which she says is about as pleasant as a flogging. Now that her computer problem is in the past, she is making her presence known once again. "Maraya21 is extremely active at Kickass Torrents," is an understatement.

She is an uploader, blog releaser (blogging is her favorite aspect of KAT), Translator (Greek), Super User, and a **five year KAT veteran.** After reading some of her writings I asked whether she was also a comedian. She says she's not too sure about that title but, "I am Awesome for sure, and insane, don't forget insane."Primarily, though, Maraya says she is first and foremost a KAT Super User – a role to which she will return when she completes her work as a Translator.

Maraya's uploads consist primarily of games (Windows OS) and books of various genres; she offers a number of television series as well. In addition to sharing some media that originated with others, Maraya also supplies KAT readers with books that she graciously purchases herself. She tells us, "I do buy ebooks, yes. I didn't like ebooks but I kept seeing requests so I went out and bought some of them to help out. If I like it I will def buy & share it, but sometimes I buy things I don't so much like just 'cause I wanna help out." When asked about her current uploading activity, she tells us that it has been affected by her less than ideal circumstances, but she is eager to begin again. "I had plans but things got sidetracked and then the computer breakdown occurred. I have plotted a course though and am now following it steadily to help out people get the things they want."

In the meantime, you can check out The Dragon Cave - Maraya's release thread - to learn more about her uploads. Beyond uploading, she has enhanced the KAT community by serving as one of its volunteer translators. She defines the role of a translator as one who "can and will help you communicate with someone else." She finds the work of translation to be fairly easy to do, though occasionally she has used a dictionary in order to determine how best to translate slang terms. Is she a pedantic grammarian? Not at all. "We all make teeny-tiny mistakes and we can't be perfect all the time," she says, but there is a point at which she draws the line. There is a difference, she says, between mistakes and "killing a language…u iz meks typo. is speld kitteh. No, just No."

While it may have been possible to quiz Maraya indefinitely concerning all things KAT (she's seen quite a bit over the past 5 years), our conversation soon changed to the person behind the screen name. In real life, she enjoys cinema (goes as much as possible), and she is also also a Marvel fan who is looking forward to Marvel's Phase 3 series. Star Wars? Not so much, even though she does plan to see the latest movie. An ideal meal for her is a, "Double chili burger with pickles and fresh French fries. A real Milkshake, Vanilla or Caramel, you know with real milk and top notch quality ice cream and maybe a fruit or two for other flavors."

Finally, if she were taking a break away from the computer for the evening, Maraya tells us it's likely that, "I'm out dancing, drinking and talking to people, having a blast! Either that or doing something totally normal such as planning to free fall out of a plane or go bungee jumping." Incidentally, she informs us that the latter events are actually going to happen in the summer of 2016 (I won't presume to speak for the KATalyst editors, Maraya, but I'd speculate that they're going to say, "Pics, or it didn't happen!").

Update - Even More Awesomeness & Interview Highlights

Since the previous interview was conducted in late 2015, Maraya21 - KAT uploader, Translator, and Super User - has added yet another title (and more duties) to her extensive résumé. Congratulations Maraya, from the KATalyst Magazine Staff, on your promotion to **KickAss Torrents Forum Moderator**! Please enjoy the following highlights from the recent interview with our new **Forum Moderator, Maraya21.**

KATalyst : One of your blogs humbly proclaims, "I am The Goddess of Awesomeness!" Is that still true?

Maraya21 : It is and always will be true. I don't intend to change and even if I wanted, which I don't besides a few minor defects, you can't just wipe out Awesomeness of my level. To be honest, it started out as a random phrase I told my virtual brother here on KAT and it kind of caught on.

KATalyst : Are unicorns and ninjas still awesome?

Maraya21 : Yes they are! Unicorns stub people, poop Rainbows and vomit cupcakes while Ninji are intentional bad*ss martial artists with complete dominion over all things totally sweet who specialize in killing people with unimaginable skills.

KATalyst : Congratulations on being at KAT for over 5 years. Is the KAT of today remarkably different than it was in the past? How?

Maraya21 : Thank You! Yes it is different. The site evolved and expanded while with passing time some aspects of its existence faded away. Change is inevitable, and like everything KAT gained and lost. As far as how it changed, I think the core of it is the users. New blood brought new ideas and freshness but it also brought ignorance that refuses to educate itself and disrespect, if not contempt, for the old ways. KAT is one of the few places that new & old coexisted and work together, albeit problems that might arise from time to time, but I see an effort to change that, push it to oblivion. Of course where there's bad, there's also good, as we won't let that happen.

KATalyst : Let's talk about the work of translation. Translators are a group of people who seem to be, in general, largely unrecognized. What they do is obvious, but then again it's not obvious because the work takes place behind the scenes. I used to have an online acquaintance who would say he had to "pause for a moment and start thinking in English." Do you have any similar issues?

Maraya21 : Translators have been unrecognized indeed and their – our – nature is complicated, obvious and not obvious all at once. I have been caught more than enough times at stopping to think in Greek, even though it is my mother tongue along with English. It comes with the territory of knowing more than one language and it's not specific to Translators, it can happen to anyone.

KATalyst : What else did you want to share with us?

Maraya21 : Well not much to say…just know that I am brutally honest, I don't ignore people - ever, I don't like small talk - like those idiotic intro questions – so ask me other things, opinions, discuss. If you need any and I can help then I will, if you ask nicely of course. If you're avoiding me then you're doing well, not everyone likes high spirits and shenanigans. And lastly I say that I am Awesome, that I am The Goddess of Awesomeness, but I only partially believe that and yes I know it's annoying!

KATalyst : Thank you for your time our Goddess, we wish you Unicorns and Ninji forever!

Silly Jokes

From KAT users for KAT users

Halfway through my shift yesterday, a guy came in to pick up some photos of his naked wife. Naturally, I had a little peek at them as I handed them over.
"Would you like the negatives?" I asked .
"Yes please," he said sheepishly.
"OK then, your wife's got saggy boobs, a fat arse and she should maybe think about giving that furry of hers a good trim.

How many feminists does it take to change a light bulb?
Apparently a lot, because feminists have been around for 100 years and haven't changed a damn thing yet...

What's the difference between an egg and a guy who tells feminist jokes?
The egg has a chance of getting laid.

A woman was in a coma. She had been in it for months. Nurses were in her room giving her a bed bath. One of them was washing her private area and noticed that there was a slight response on the monitor whenever she touched her there. They tried it again and sure enough, there was definite movement
They went to her husband and explained what happened, telling him, "As crazy as this sounds, maybe a little 'oral sex' will do the trick & bring her out of the coma".
The husband was skeptical, but they assured him that they would close the door for privacy. The husband finally agreed and went into his wife's room.
After a few minutes the woman's monitor flat lined, no pulse, no heart rate. The nurses run back into the room. "What happened?" they cried.
The husband said, "I'm not sure, maybe she choked?"
Moral: Never, never, never assume that men understand you.

My mom wants me to name my kids after people in our family.
So I'm naming my first born "Uncle Karl"

Interview - ADHDerby, EUL

by Star.Sapphire

In December of 2015 I had the honor of speaking to ADHDerby, this edition's featured Elite Uploader (EUL). According to Kat.cr, Elite Uploaders are "uploaders that provide you with original content." I quickly discovered, and I think you'll agree, that ADHDerby fits that definition in every possible way.

ADHDerby is an uploader of music. His preferred genre is Progressive Rock, though he will listen to just about any genre (with death metal, hardcore, and schlager being notable exceptions). He says music fills a very big part of his life, and whether he's "on the go, by bike, car or by train" he is "listening to music most of the time." "It eases my soul, takes me away from this busy world," he writes. He also tells us that he is known to "blast the dust off my walls" with a home stereo system that includes a 10" subwoofer – but there is one caveat. ADHDerby doesnt live alone – he has a family – so much of his listening is accomplished via headphones.

ADHDerby's uploads are created – not simply ripped – with the headphone user in mind. His uploads are in .flac (Free Lossless Audio Codec) format, and he took the time to describe what makes his work different from other rips of audio CDs. He claims, "The biggest difference between CD rips and my releases is that my releases have virtual surround sound encoded in them. You have to listen to them through headphones to hear the surround effects. Another difference is that I remaster nearly all my releases, I make subtle changes to the surround output, overall amplitude, loudness and/or brightness. I resample them to CD quality with Adobe Audition to make them compatible with most portable audio players. I use Adobe Audition because it uses one of the best resample techniques." The final result of his hard work is surround sound .flac music, best suited to headphones.

When asked why he became an uploader, I was told a familiar story. He was unable to find his preferred music on the 'net. He then decided to meet the need himself, and he continues to share in the hope that others like him will enjoy the music. KAT is the only site to which he uploads his releases.

During the course of our conversation I asked ADHDerby what there is, if anything, that makes KAT better, or perhaps more unique, than other sites. He stated, "KAT has a very active community. It isn't perfect...but overall it's the community, the contributions of uploaders, seeders, the contributions of the staff and KAT's team that attracted me and made me stick here." He also revealed that he particularly enjoys the Blogroll, "checking Forum Threads, having conversations with KAT friends, checking replies and comments on my uploads and on walls." "I rarely log out," he admits.

On those days in which he is not online, ADHDerby might be found doing any number of things. He will often be found converting music albums and listening to music, but he has other interests as well. He enjoys going to the cinema with family or friends, and he plays (mostly racing) games with friends once a week. He's also fond of playing pool, watching movies at home, and visiting the zoo with his family. If he also happens to enjoy the perfect meal that day, he says it would be, "marinated spareribs from a charcoal grill or barbecue with red wine or a nice special beer." ADHDerby's perfect travel destination, he says, is, "Bora Bora: palmtrees, white beaches and I love to snorkel."

Despite having some DMCA concerns, ADHDerby uploads to KAT about once per week: "I'm going to continue uploading," he says. He also extends his thanks to all who comment, vote, and seed his torrents. "It really makes my uploading worthwhile," he tells us. You can find his release thread here.

Featured VUL Interview – jemiNii

by Star.Sapphire

Recently I was searching for a movie and found that it was offered by a Verified Uploader named **jemiNii**. I clicked on the link...and before my visit was completed I had scrolled through every page of his uploads. I then made myself a note to ask him whether he would be interested in appearing in the **KATalyst**. As fortune would have it, the very next day our Editor MG. mentioned that we were in need of a VUL interview. I didn't need to wonder who I would ask.

In February of 2016 I had the pleasure of chatting with jemiNii, this edition's **featured VUL**, and jemiNii is an uploader of unique movies that will be particularly enjoyed by fans of the horror genre. He has been participating in torrent communities for 8 years; for roughly 2 years of that time he has been a member at KAT.cr. Before then, "I was a devoted Usenet user from 1993!"

When I first viewed **jemiNii**'s uploads, I suspected that I was seeing the results of a "labor of love." As it happens, it's true, for jemiNii is a near lifelong fan of horror. He traces his interest in the genre all the way back to his youth, telling us, "My maternal grandmother came to live with us for a while when I was about 10. She liked horror films a lot and would let me stay up on Saturday nights to watch Dr. Madblood. Nothing gory or over the top - it was all network television back then. Creature From The Black Lagoon, Old Hammer films, etc..."

Eventually I got around to asking jemiNii a few irresistible questions. Does he enjoy the work of any particular director? Second, out of all his KAT uploads, what are his favorite movies? Finally: Romero's slow zombies or Snyder's fast zombies? He answered that his favorite films within the horror genre are those of Italian screenwriter and director Dario Argento. As for the second question, "Phenomena and Demons 1 and 2 bring back many fond memories. However, The Gates of Hell (City of the Living Dead) was the first of them I saw and it scared me witless at the age of 12. Never forgot that!" He also, as I expected he might, favored Romero's slow zombies over Snyder's fast zombies.

My chat with jemiNii inevitably turned to the topic of movie encoding. Does jemiNii do much of his own encoding? He replied, "I encode everything I watch." He then revealed to us a bit about his personal equipment, "I have a dedicated HTPC in my home running PLEX - so to maximize quality, quantity, and HTML5 compatibility for my website I encode them myself." He's not a newcomer, either. When I asked how long he has been encoding movies, he answered, "I started encoding films about 15 years ago and only got serious about it when the processors got a little faster for cheaper."

According to jemiNii, a typical encode takes, "SD - 6 hours; HD - 12 to 20 depending - I only use low priority processing because all of my machines are multi-tasking 24/7. Also, I always use 2 pass encoding. Both of those together make for longer encodes." His favorite program, again in his own inimitable words, is Handbrake. "I was a big Handbrake fan - I reverse engineered it over the course of a few months several years ago and wrote my own based on that data and some knowledge\code I have picked up over the years. It is tailored specifically for me and my needs."

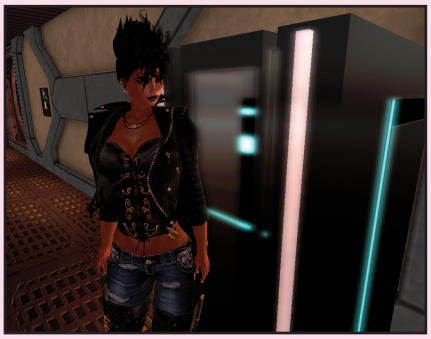
In addition to uploading and having an interest in horror movies, jemiNii revealed that he also enjoys writing. Perhaps unsurprisingly, he describes himself as a lifelong author of...horror. He is currently working on a trilogy of novels.

Near the end of our interview, I asked jemiNii whether there are things about KAT that he really enjoys, beyond his own work of busily uploading to the site. He answered, "I'm a recovering warezaholic." He also took the time to single out ***OptimusPr1me*** as being someone who has been very helpful to him during his time at KAT. Horror fans, be sure to check out jemiNii's work; you can see all his uploads **here**.

And so the adventure begins…

by Forestheart

Now inside the complex, she proceeded to navigate through the unfamiliar maze of corridors. Taking her time, avoiding those walking around - and even worse, the security cameras - she finally spotted her target. Quickly, she bent down to insert a card into the card lock, punching in numbers from an attached mini-board. Hearing a small click, she looked around the hallway and then silently entered. She glanced around, attempting to locate the main terminal. Finally she heard the sound of typing and followed it around the group of servers. "Well, well, well," she thought to herself, "this could be interesting."



"Goddammit, gonna' miss my date if I don't hurry with this new file," the young man said aloud while working on the computer file on the screen in front of him. "I should never have taken this job...lousy pay, so frigging boring, nothing ever hap. . . ." He stopped in mid-word as he heard a sound, and then glanced to his left to see, by his elbow, a shiny black leather boot. Eyebrows raised in surprise, his gaze followed the line of the boot along a shapely leg to the enticing juncture of where it joined the other leg. His eyes moved upward, passing a tight belly, and then continued up to see well rounded and firm looking breasts. Finally he saw beautiful white teeth surrounded by bee stung pouty lips and, just above, a set of sparkling green eyes full of laughter and mischief.

"Umm, ah, can I help you?" he stammered.

"Yes, I hope so. Kinda' new here and was wondering if you could find me this file?" Bending slightly toward him, she passed him a slip of paper while smiling even more.

Barely glancing at the paper, he said, "I would be happy to . . . ." He stopped as he looked at the paper again. A frown appeared upon his face. "Excuse me, but who is this for and who do you work . . . ." Suddenly he fell to the floor, a purplish bruise appearing on his forehead just above his nose. The woman bent over to check his pulse. It was slow, but steady and strong. "Yep, he'll be okay…not so sure about my knuckles," she thought to herself as she glanced ruefully at the discoloration forming around the knuckles of her right hand.

She moved him out of her way, slid into his chair, and began examining the files listed on the computer."Lucky for me this guy was already logged on...so much faster than trying to hack in." She found what she needed and then quickly made her exit.

Two hours later she arrived home. As she walked up the front steps she thought out loud, "Wow that was fun."

"What was fun?" She spun around to see the neighbor's boy, John. He was a 15 year old self proclaimed computer whiz.

"Oh, nothing. Just a special file I had to find. Took me a few hours of hard work but I finally found it."

"A few hours? Should have asked me. I could of probably got it for you in a few minutes."

"Oh I doubt that. All I had was a file name."

"Well, tell ya' what. Just for the fun of it, why not let me try to see if I can. If I do, you have to get me a burger and a shake. If I don't, then I cut your front AND back lawns for free...deal?"

"Mmm...okay. Can't turn down a deal like that. Come on in, you can use my computer."

They stepped into the house and made their way to her computer. She entered a password, logged onto the 'net, and then moved out of the way as John took a seat in her chair. "Okay, give me the file name." She passed him the now crumpled slip of paper. He typed a short line into the browser bar, and something popped up.

"Hold on," she said. "That's not even the file name, that's an animal...and you spelled it wrong."

"Naaa...just watch."

A few minutes later the file she had worked so hard to get appeared on the screen. "See if I ever need anything, this is where I go. It's the best and only place to get what I want," he said, smugly.

"Damn, after all of this, the hard work and sneaking around...all I had to do was go here?" She glared at the screen...the words KAT-Kickass Torrents appeared on the Browser Tab at the top!

Game Name: Assassins Creed Syndicates
Developers: Ubisoft Quebec
Mark: 8.5/10 (4/5) ★★★★☆
Reviewed by: DonValentino
(formerly HuLkWaR)

After letting down their fans with let's call it "mediocre" Assassins Creed Unity it was up to this new release of popular franchise game to return to the old glory. Assassins Creed Syndicate, some say that this is the best release so far. But is it really?

Gameplay is set in 19th century London, to be precise 1868. in the middle of the industrial revolution. You can notice huge fog clouds spreading out through the horizon, and below there are factories full of children forced to work in them. At the same time, the streets are ruled by gangs and a few "medicine dealers". As in every version of AC so far, you guessed it, there are Templars. Your mission - free the children, regain the streets of London from gangs and of course, kill as many Templars as you can. Ironically you will try to achieve that by using your own gang, and hiring children as spies and thieves (let's call them scavengers).

You start the game as two characters. Yup, you heard that right, and you have the ability to switch between them at any point of the game. (something we already saw in GTA V). Sometimes I wonder does everyone need to copy Rockstar now. Yes, sure it's cool having 2 or 3 characters in game but we've already seen in GTA. It's good, but they should move on. Now to Jacob and Evie Frye… they come into London to search for the lost Piece of Eden, and Jacob will be the one focused on leading the gang and destroying Templars in various side missions.

Story? Meh, nothing new. Something we already saw in previous versions. Templars want to rule the world. Assassins want to give people more freedom and that's it basically. But this year a slight change is noticeable; so for example, after Jacob eliminates certain Templar (or gang), in the next chapter Evie will come there to clean out the mess Jacob has left behind. Also I like their constant inside jokes, which gives the game that funny tone and makes some of your missions a lot easier. On one side you have Jacob…the boy that never grew up, always goofing around, making jokes, and then you have Evie. Complete opposite of him. All she wants to do is work related (finding the piece of Eden, of course).

Of course, Syndicate - like any Assassin's Creed who keeps to himself - has its own dose of historical figures and real locations, so you will enjoy the view of Big Ben, Buckingham Palace and St. Paul's Cathedral, and along the way you will encounter many familiar faces. Charles Darwin, Alexander Graham Bell, and there is Charles Dickens, with him you will explore "supernatural" phenomena all over London. Each of these historical figures will offer you complete quest chain, which, if you ask me, are quite decent for Assassin's Creed and a very nice break from the standard non-core activities such as the assassination of selected Templars or the release of children from all kinds of factory jobs.

Where Unity tried to be different, Syndicate plays it safe and returns to the series some already tested elements. Co-op multiplayer and chests with treasures that are opened through a special mobile application were nowhere in sight, and crowded Parisian streets are replaced in London with a much smaller number of civilians, which can be attributed to the more detailed textures on them. Do not worry, despite the less visible population, the city will never be empty, which certainly contributes to the number of carriages on the streets.

In addition, the Syndicate gave up fighting mechanics that brought Unity together, that were making conflicts and fights with the opponents more difficult than in previous versions of the series. Fights in the new Creed are now again (too) easy – you can easily defeat your opponents by insane button mashing, occasionally blocking their hits when their health bar turns yellow. Also, here and

there you will, purely for the sake of it, press the dodge button, or the button to break their block, before returning to button mashing and performing finishers that work even if you are facing multiple opponents. If anything, this battle will delight fans of simpler Creed, and fighting mechanics are smoothest and fastest in Syndicate than in any other AC game.

However, although the Syndicate gave up some elements of Unity, some of these new ones are greatly embraced. So while running around town and climbing up buildings, you can enjoy a parkour system that supports rapid descent, and occasionally you will also find the building with interiors that can be rushed through, without having to climb to the roof and then descend with him, just to get to the next street.

Also, the Syndicate from Unity borrows special assassination mission, that in addition to the standard approach to sneaking and fighting, offer optional tasks and opportunities to kill the target in unique ways (e.g. you can get close to Mad Doctor by pretending that you are a corpse on which he wants to conduct experiments). Likewise, it is worth emphasizing that both the major assassination missions and side ones are very fun to play, and in the entire game you can notice more logical arrangement of opponents, whose routes are now easier to read. In other words, it is easier to plan where and when to sneak around, but now you need to accept the fact that you will be mostly ignored by the civilians, but also the fact that the opponent AI, and more or less all of the stealth systems in the game are nothing really special.

Carriages are a fun addition to the game - easy to manage and they are much more beautiful, and sometimes an even faster way of arriving in another part of the city than just jumping from one building to another. You can obtain carriages by stealing them from random NPC just like in GTA V. The second of these new features is the ability to kidnap opponents, which will turn into an opportunity to sneak into the forbidden areas without raising alarms. Also, you have a side-kidnapping-missions-thingy where for every alive target you capture and deliver you'll get more money and XP points. Of course you can always assassinate them but that will result in receiving significantly less money than using the sneaky-stealthy way.

There is also a brand new weapon-gadget thing, the Grappling Hook, with which you can more or less play as a Victorian Batman. This gadget will allow you to climb up on the roof of a nearby building in seconds, or to, when you are already on the roof, create a zipline with which you will quickly and seamlessly move on to the roof of a building on the other street. Grappling hook also offers the opportunity not only to move quickly through the rooftops of London, but also creates new opportunities to sneak into the opponent's territory, and at any moment you can always jump off the zipline you created on to another opponent, executing more epic assassinations, or in a good old bale of hay.

PROS:
Fun Gameplay and Good Story
Jacob and Evie
London (yay!)
Graphics
Historical Figures
Gangs, Gappling Hook and Train
Good Soundtrack

CONS:
Standard Ubisoft open world design
Weak AI
Battle & Stealth System
Copying GTA V
Controls

All in all, another AC, classic Ubisoft Game. They surely fixed the mess they made with Unity, but I would not characterize this one as the best AC game so far. I really like what they did in AC II and AC III and now, it seems like there is no way for any further improvement. The Syndicate continues Ubisoft classic open world design, without any particular narrative or mechanical depth. If you're a fan of the series and you love going back in time and visiting interesting historical recreations of famous cities, where parkour through buildings as a cool hooded assassin, you will not go wrong if you play **Assassin's Creed Syndicate available here.**

Game Name: Need for Speed 2015 (PS4)
Developers: Electronic Arts
Date of Release: Q1/Q2 2016 for PC;
Released for consoles November 5, 2015
Mark: 8/10 (4/5) ★★★★☆
Reviewed by: DonValentino
(formerly HuLkWaR)

As soon as I heard that the game was officially out for PS4 and XB1, I couldn't wait for the PC release and instantly bought it. I played it on PS4 and I thought that it would be a nice thing if I wrote my review of it as there is a lot to talk about when it comes to this game. Once the game comes out for the PC, I will do another separate review for KATalyst. Until that, you can enjoy playing thousands of games you can download from KAT. Game can be found here at KAT.

Since the first version of this popular franchise, this new **Need for Speed** is designated as the successor of the Underground series, primarily because of their night environment, ability to improve the car and displaying stories through videos recorded with the help of live actors.

The story of the new **Need for Speed** takes us to the Ventures Bay, an imaginary city which is too similar to Los Angeles. In it, our unnamed silent hero meets the group and out of the 5 quite different individuals, in terms of behavior and in terms of types of races they have. They have a desire to impress their role models, and the simplest way to do that is through you, an experienced driver who doesn't negotiate a lot, and performs crazy moves on the streets of the city. Otherwise, it is interesting that these models are real people from the street and automobile races that appear in the recorded scenes of the game.

Speaking of scenes, I really enjoyed their little ridiculous performance. It felt like watching a really bad movie and the moment when I stopped taking everything seriously I began to enjoy it, even my characters in their exaggeration became entertaining. The only thing that really bothered me was the excessive use of the popular hashtag and fist bumps, which felt like they were trying to let you know that they are young, cool and familiar with modern communications and technology. Like it wasn't obvious already!

Already mentioned Ventura Bay looks wonderful, primarily thanks to well-done lighting, because the game takes place only during night and early morning. This is especially evident in situations when the road is wet and it's possible to see all the variations of lighting effects. This kind of good lighting in an open world game can only be seen in new Infamous. The biggest problem with the display is a funny transition from night to morning, and *it occurs instantly.* It's like that in the game there is one person standing next to a switch and periodically turns ON or OFF the morning, leaving you with a WTF face every time it happens.

One of the disappointing things is the soundtrack of the game, which is really uninteresting and no song will remain in your memory as opposed to the Underground series, whose mix of rap, rock and metal is a perfect combination. But on the other side, audio in the game is perfect. You can hear great sound effects of vehicles, burning tires and weather which really pumps you up and makes you believe that you are invincible, until you lose the control over the car and crash into the nearest building. Also every car can improve its performance and up to a certain level change its look. But on the other side you **can't modify** super-cars but only change the color of them, which is a big failure.

Adjusting the pressure of the front and rear tires, braking power or width of turnings are just some of the options, and with modifying your car every single change is visible in your vehicle's behavior on the street. For those who do not want to go into too much depth there are a lot more simplified choices of modifications but it's always nicer to modify each and every single little detail. Development team did really well with this ability and it's really fun to play the role of a mechanic before each race.

The racing is a lot of arcade and unfortunately is not really difficult, especially when you upgrade your vehicles. It would be a lot better if there was an option to change the difficulty, because the campaign itself is quite short and can literally be finished in one full day of playing. After that we've only got to perform daily tasks and racing with other players, which is very hard because there is no option of finding the opponent and you need to bother people throughout the map hoping that someone will accept your invitation for the race.

Speaking of online gaming, it's important to say that the game demands that you are constantly connected to the network if you want to play. Yes, always online nonsense in this case has absolutely no reason for existence, since each mission can be played alone, offline, and the existence of other players do not contribute anything substantial that could not be achieved with turning on and off network connection. For this reason, there is still one of the greatest nonsense, and that is the **inability to pause the game!**

Yup, it does not matter that you are in the middle of the race, you circling the city or police chasing you, *game cannot be paused for one second.* This doesn't make any sense and is literally insulting that someone could think that this will be something that players will not mind. It's clear that there is no pause during the network race, but when I play I want to have this opportunity so I could, maybe answer my phone or have a drink of soda or alcohol.

It's clearly visible that someone was not thinking too much about the logic in the game, because you can find a lot of nonsense in different places of the game. To begin with there is a quite bad system of tutorials that will pop up during the race, spawning a car into impossible positions after a collision. Collisions are a story for themselves; sometimes it's possible to hit the fence while going 300 km / h without any consequences, but it can sometimes happen that your car turns 100 times in the air when you encounter a slight bulge at the edge of the road at negligible speeds.

For me perhaps the strangest part of it all is the teleportation; you have the ability to teleport to the desired race, and then press the start of the race instead of automatically starting that race. The absurdity of this is evident when you are restarting the race and game instead of really restarting the game, return as at the position from where you need to restart the game. Logic?! The whole open world loses its meaning with the possibility of teleporting, because you now don't need to cross even one mile to get to the desired location. And why would you when you can just teleport yourself?! But then what's the point of whole open world in general. This game confused me a lot with this and all I can say is: WTF?!

PROS:
Graphics and weather effects
Nice smooth controls
Pretty decent driving effect
Race in general

CONS:
Bad Soundtrack
Requires to be always online
Very Short Campaign
Bunch of nonsenses

Let's conclude. At the end of the day, new **Need for Speed** comes with various ridiculousness and nonsense, but that is balanced with entertaining rides and very good graphics. This game definitely has a lot of potential, especially nicely done vehicles modification system which is a very good foundation for the next releases. What needs to be worked on are nonsense such as inability to pause, teleportation (again WTF?!), soundtrack and a few others. Game was released Nov 2015 for PS4 and XB1, and it's expected to be out for PC in first or second quarter of 2016. That just leaves me hoping the PC version will be much better and have much more bugs fixed.

Interview - KAT Forum Moderator Tonowando

by Star.Sapphire

I recently had the opportunity to speak with Kat.cr's own Tonowando. Tonowando has been a member here for four years. For slightly over the past year he has served the community as a Forum Moderator. While this may be his most recognizable role, moderating the Forums are not the only contribution for which he is known. True, people listen when Tonowando the Moderator speaks – but they also listen for other reasons.

He describes himself as a "self taught computer nut," with KAT's Tech Talk And Help Thread being his primary area of interest. He will often be found there answering questions, offering advice, and helping others solve their computer related issues. He tells us that although he still has much to learn and really doesn't have any formal "tech education," (he didn't buy his first PC until he was well into his 50s) he remembers how hard such things were when he first started: "And when I can, I share what I've learned."

Specifically, Tonowando's interests lie in Windows OS and desktop PCs. Secondly, he notes, "My other interest is in browsers, have used multiple browsers for years, and each one has both good points and bad points." I did take the time to ask, "Windows 10. Good, not good, or a combination?" His reply? "Well, in my opinion it's the best Windows OS to date."

When reflecting upon his experiences in the KAT community, Tonowando noted that the site first attracted his attention when he noticed its great movie torrents – and their small sizes. However, it was the help forums that really gained his attention and kept him coming back to the site. I then asked, "Is the KAT of today very much different than it was four years ago?" The reply was, "Well yes, of course. The first thing I noticed was that KAT had more rules than other sites. And for the first months the only messages in my PM box were from Super Moderators. I couldn't do anything right, even though I had been a member of Demonoid for years. But yes, KAT seems more organized now. The community seems stronger."

Evidently, eventually he did something right, for after 3 years he became a Forum Moderator. I then asked him about his work: as a Moderator, what does he enjoy the most – and the least – about it? The answer was, first, "A good day at KAT is when I've helped someone, and also when I've learned something new."

As for what he does not enjoy – that's another story altogether. He has no pet peeves as he carries out his duties, and there is really nothing that he dislikes, though he did mention Forum spammers. "They have no intention of being part of the Community. Their only purpose is to post spam or to make mischief. But they're easy to spot and don't last long." When it comes to dealing with this kind of behavior he says, "It's just part of the job."

Tonowando's message for the KAT community is this: **"There is no way that Moderators can do everything on KAT. First, the site couldn't operate without the help of Super Users. Second, for KAT to run smoothly and to be a friendly, helpful place, it takes all users."**

On a slightly more personal note, Tonowando is retired and has been "for a while" from manufacturing. He still enjoys KAT movies such as the **Terminator** series and those produced by Marvel (MCU). He has also been known to grab a movie or two for his grandchildren. He enjoys "60s and 70s rock-n-roll" as well as some of the newer artists such as Pink. That being said, he doesn't 'party like a rock star.' "I quit drinking when I turned 21. Probably wasn't fun anymore after I could do it legally."

For about 46 years, cars – Hot Rods - were Tonowando's hobby. "I always liked to tinker with things," he wrote. "Going from cars to computers just seemed like a natural fit for me."

Anime Reviews

by DemonessPr1me

Gintama and Gangsta. links are available if you click on the title.

Gintama

This is an anime that combines aliens with samurais, and a setting with most of the story being a parody of other anime and current events in Japan. Don't let that fool you, there is much more to this anime than it meets the eye! Manga is written and ilustrated by Hideaki Sorachi and it has first seen the light of day in 2003. The full anime series has started airing in 2006, and later got sequels to the utter delight of its many devoted fans. ***Studio Sunrise*** takes the credit for it.

Story

The story is set in a quasi-historical Edo, where Japan has been conquered by an alien race called Amanto. All of the nation's strongest samurai warriors were no match to highly advanced alien technology. To prevent any other samurai uprising, people were banned from carrying swords in public.

This leads us to the (anti)hero of this story known by the name of Gintoki Sakata. He is a former samurai who is now running his own business, called Yorozuya. From time to time he takes on odd jobs for people in order to pay his rent and buy milkshakes and his beloved Weekly Shounen Jump. He is accompanied by Shimura Shinpachi who is an average human teenager with no real special qualities, and Kagura (who looks human) but is actually from an alien race that possesses monstrous strength being one of the strongest clans in the universe called Yato clan. Besides taking on odd jobs, they also fight with the Shinsengumi (Police) and they often encounter the Joui rebels who are trying to take down the Government. Even though they say their main goal is to collect money, the truth is their honour and eccentric sense of justice make them heroes in their own way.

Art

The Art follows the underlying comedy parody tone and consequently focuses on it. When showing the past and the battles fought, it is displayed with a darker and more serious tone. When focusing on the characters daily lives it is displayed with a colorful light tone. Fight scenes are very well made and the art is quite outstanding. Some of the parody scenes would never work if not for paying so much attention to details.

Characters

Sakata Gintoki is the funniest character I had a chance of encountering in a comedy anime. His persona is so uniquely made that it often brings me to tears. But do not think that his character is shallow, not in the slightest. Those glimpses of his past that we see and the honour he displays when seriously fighting for what is right is what makes his character believable and gives him depth. His companions are truly parodic themselves. Kagura looks like an innocent, harmless girl but holds such a horrid power that she surprises every single person she fights with. Shinpachi is a regular human, a bland character who is often defined only by the glasses that he wears and is often mistaken with them. The rest of the characters are also eccentric in their own way and they could never work outside of the Gintama world. It is amazing how everything in Gintama works splendidly with one another, one whacky thing completes the other completely whacky thing.

Music

For an anime that is counting episodes in hundreds, it is natural that the openings and endings change with time but one thing Gintama does best is being consistent with its choice of good music. The music reflects the quirky and funny nature of anime and one of the openings called "Togenkyou Alien" by 'serial TV drama' is an absolute earworm (trust me, just listen to it).

Overall

If you enjoy comedy anime, if you don't mind profanity and many dubious situations and keep an open mind then this anime is for you. You can watch one episode at a time or bunch of them since you can't restrain yourself (which I completely understand). The episodes are generally not connected storyline wise so you can enjoy them at your own leisure. There are a few arcs but they are so engrossing that you will watch them in one go anyway. **10/10**

Gangsta.

If you are looking for more **adult** content then this is a perfect choice, for this anime has been characterised as mature seinen. ***Gangsta.*** manga is written and illustrated by Kohske and it has been published since 2011 in a Shinchosha's Monthly Comic @BUNCH magazine. Anime has been brought to life in 2015. by studio Manglobe and it has been a huge success. Personally, I find it one of the best anime of 2015.

Story

In the crime-ridden, mafia-governed city of Ergastulum, Worick and Nicolas are two 'handymen' who would take any dirty job from either police or mafia, for a good price. After one assignment the two meet Alex and are later joined by her, a former prostitute who got interested in the mysterious background of the team, in particular of Nicolas' abilities who is a "Twilight".

The two try to do their job and help in their own way but when the city's vulnerabilites are being put to the test and every fight becomes one to the death, that is when they have to ally with the lesser evil in order to save the people they care for.

Characters

Nicolas is a "Twilight", the type of person who has heightened physical abilities enhanced by a special drug, but it comes at a price of a disability, in his case deafness. While Worick doesn't possesses heightened senses, he does have his specialties which are his smooth way of talking and photographic memory with which he often assists police in solving one crime or another. They come from completely different backgrounds and are very different personalities, but they share a strong bond which I will not reveal (no spoilers here). They live together and work together but each has their own past and their own secrets. Alex is a former prostitute who is trying to find her place in the world and through her association with the handymen it seems like she is slowly succeeding in it.

Art

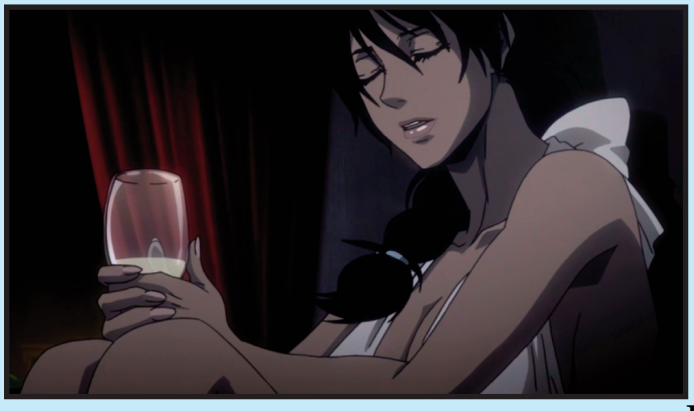
Art is something I enjoyed very much in this anime. The urban setting, classic atmosphere, gloomy mood and often enough darkened scenes involving rain were truly pleasing to my senses.

Music/Voice Acting

I can start off by saying that the great Tsutchie (Shinji Tsuchida) has been working on this anime, that says it all to anime lovers. But for those of you who might not know, I will say that he contributed to the soundtrack of the anime Samurai Champloo and Cowboy Bebop. As you may imagine, the soundtrack is amazing along with the opening and ending songs. The expression of the music is almost soothing and relaxing with its jazz and chill beats. Where voice acting is concerned, the actors who starred in the drama series also did the anime, so it's impeccable especially with Nico's disability and his crude, disconnected voice when he does speak but that only makes him more appealing and affirms his tough nature.

Overall

This anime is for those who appreciate mature looking characters with the story being serious and dark in its own way. The main themes are drama and action with crime fighting at the center of it all. Violence, blood, killing and all the shady business such as prostitution, drugs and mafia dealings are shown on screen without any hiding. **So this anime is not recommended for kids**. I was asked if this anime has any fan service and I have to say that yes, in a way it does. Worick with his womanizing charm and sex scenes serves that purpose. But the focus is not on it and that makes me very happy. Serious and action filled anime with 12 episodes released in the first season is a perfect way to spend your day. Enjoy! **8/10**



From KAT users for KAT users

An elderly man told his wife, "Honey we have done everything in our life except ride in an airplane. Let's do it!" She said 'OK'.
They went to the airport and after much bargaining with the owner of an open top plane, the pilot/owner said...
"I'll take you and your wife for a ride. If neither one of you yell or scream during the ride, it's free, otherwise it's $250.00 each. The old man asked his wife, 'honey, are you sure you can ride in the plane without yelling or screaming.'
She said I'm sure I can Joe. So they agreed to take the ride.
The pilot got them up in the air and tried to get them to scream or yell, he was flying upside down and started doing cartwheels up in the air.
When he landed he looked back at the old man and said, "Wow, I can't believe it, neither one of you screamed or yelled."
The old man said, "It was hard not to scream but I almost did when my wife fell out of the plane!"

A young boy was having a hard time in math and was getting very bad grades, so his parents switched him into a Catholic school.
When his parents got his first report card, they were shocked!
Their son miraculously had an A in math.
They wondered what was going on, so they went to the son to ask him what sparked the sudden improvement.
The son replied, "When I saw the man nailed to the plus sign on the wall, I knew they meant business!"

I was in the airport VIP Lounge in route to Seattle a couple of weeks ago. While in there, I noticed Bill Gates sitting comfortably in the corner, enjoying a drink.
I was meeting a very important client who was also flying to Seattle, but she was running a little bit late.
Well, being a straightforward kind of guy, I approached the Microsoft Chairman, introduced myself, and said, "Mr. Gates, I wonder if you would do me a favor?"
"Depends what it is", he says.
"I'm sitting right over there," pointing to my seat at the bar, "and I'm waiting on a very important client. Would you be so kind when she arrives as to walk by and just say, 'Hi, Ray,'?"
"Sure, I'll help you with that."
I shook his hand and thanked him and went back to my seat.
About ten minutes later, my client showed up. We ordered a drink and started to talk business.
A couple of minutes later, I felt a tap on my shoulder and it was Bill Gates.
"Hi, Ray," he said.
I replied, "Not now Gates, I'm in a meeting here!"

The Metal Review
Epica

by Star.Sapphire

Epica is a Dutch symphonic metal band. The group was formed in 2002 by lead guitarist/vocalist Mark Jansen, following his departure from the band After Forever(now defunct). Jansen's new group took the name Sahara Dust and featured Helena Iren Michaelsen on vocals. Soon after, Michaelsen was dismissed from the band and replaced by Simone Simons, a classically trained but little known singer who was dating Hansen. Sahara Dust released only one recording - a demo - and then changed its name to Epica. The group's first album, The Phantom Agony, was released in 2003.

The lyrical themes of Epica's music are varied, ranging from thoughts on philosophy to politics. Their sound has been described as a unique "contrast of darkness and light." This "contrast" is visible in several ways, but perhaps most clearly in the singing styles of Jansen and Simons, who serve as dual vocalists. Jansen performs "unclean" growled vocals, while Simons – a mezzo-soprano – sings "clean, almost operatic" vocals. The group's frequent use of a choir and orchestra likewise add to the twofold light and dark atmosphere.

Epica's lineup has been somewhat fluid, changing several times throughout the years. Jansen, Simons, and keyboardist Coen Janssen are currently the longest serving members. Former God Dethroned members Ariën van Weesenbeek (drums) and Isaac Delahaye (guitars) joined the group in 2007, and 2009, respectively. In 2012, Epicaannounced that Rob van der Loo, previously the bassist for Delain, had been hired as the band's bassist.

Epica's music is available on KAT in several formats here. If you're a fan of multiple genres, or if the idea of a merging of heavy metal with elements of classical music sounds interesting, you'll want to check them out. If you're something of a "metalhead" you might want to start with The Quantum Enigma. If you lean more toward the classics, the popular album The Classical Conspiracy is probably for you, and can be found in any... discography.

Movie Reviews

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Room (2015)

Brie Larson, Jacob Tremblay, Joan Allen, Sean Bridgers -- Dir. Lenny Abrahamson

Room is unlike any other movie created in recent years. It is highly sensorial, deeply intimate. It is the story of a young woman kidnapped when only seventeen, subjected to daily rape by her captor, and her little son, Jack. They live in a single room, a shed. The room is the only world the young boy has ever known; he has never experienced the outside world. Fearing their captivity will end in murder, the young woman devises a plan to help herself, and more importantly her five-year-old child, to escape.

It is not easy viewing, but the actors' astonishing performances reflect a searing, complex love between a mother and her child, and how unconditional love evolves. There are many dark, implosive moments, but love supersedes all. It is an extraordinarily seamless production, a stunning drama wherein the director recreates Jack's world inside the viewer, who sees the world anew as the young boy discovers a world beyond his imagination. This is a must-see movie which will leave every single viewer, one way or another, profoundly moved, and is well worth a second viewing.

Rating: 10/10

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Spotlight (2015)

Mark Ruffalo, Liev Schreiber, John Slattery, Michael Keaton, Rachel McAdams -- Dir. Thomas McCarthy ✦ 2015 Academy Award Winner for Best Picture ✦

In 2001, the Boston Globe newspaper, employing its determined "Spotlight" three-person reporting team, began an investigation into numerous allegations of sexual abuse within the Catholic Church. For over a year, these persistent reporters unearthed irrefutably damning evidence of huge numbers of pedophile priests involved in a monstrous series of crimes, and the subsequent cover-up of the abuse. Multiple victims engaged in lawsuits, victims in support groups, priests, a lawyer – many came under relentless scrutiny. It was a tedious process, but eventually the reporters' focus on systemic patterns within legal and religious jurisdictions revealed the breadth and depth of the cover-up.

The film is beautifully understated. The horror of the revelations, and the emotional impact on the reporters, slowly emerges. The viewer senses their exhaustion, their depression, their sympathy and regret as immensity of the crimes committed and the aftermath for the victims is revealed. And because the team themselves are Catholic, the nefariousness of their religious world is highlighted in their personal lives; how does one tell her faith-full grandmother the
Church is infused with evil? A detailed, complex piece of cinema, Spotlight is an engrossing, disturbing story which unveils the stark truth about the magnitude of the Church's disgrace - in only one of many, many cities affected across North America.

Rating: 8/10

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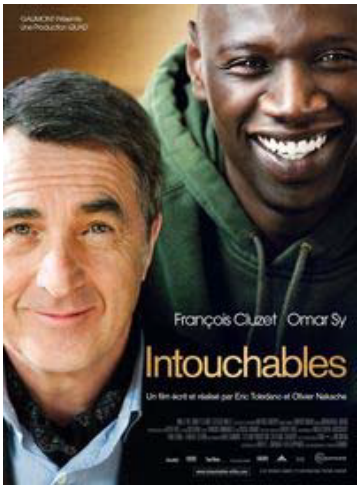

Untouchable (Intouchables) - (2012 – France)

Francis Cluzet, Omar Sy Dirs. Olivier Nakache and Eric Toledano

A comedy-drama based on a true story, this film won a number of awards, but may also be considered seriously offensive, guilty of stereotyping and simplistic assumptions. It is, however, a tour-de force by both principal actors, and well worth viewing, if only for its absurd gags, dry wit, sheer exuberance, and unlikely reality. Phillipe (Cluzet) a wealthy, white, conservative Parisian and a quadriplegic due to a paragliding accident, is bored and frustrated by both his self-absorbed staff and testy teenage daughter Elisa. His wife has died; he is a lonely and miserable human.

He needs to hire a full-time caregiver - and delights in discovering Driss (Sy), a man who, though appearing only for a signature so he can continue to get government benefits, and whose background as an ex-con doesn't qualify him for the position (he steals an elegant Faberge egg during his interview) shows a sense of humour and a fresh perspective on the staid world Phillipe inhabits. More than a routine caregiver, Driss provides the companionship, friendship, laughter and loyalty Phillipe sorely needs. Both characters live on the edge of society, untouchables, invisible to a degree, both differently disadvantaged - yet together are able to joke and bring joy to each other's lives because of their unique perspectives. The chemistry of the relationship is engaging and entertaining. Check it out.

Rating: 8/10

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"FIRST RATE. A GREAT COMPANION TO THE LIKES OF AMADEUS AND THE MADNESS OF KING GEORGE"
"GRIPPING, SUMPTUOUS AND ENTHRALLING."
A ROYAL AFFAIR
MIKKELSEN VIKANDER BOE FOLSGAARD
THEIR LOVE AFFAIR WOULD DIVIDE A NATION

A Royal Affair – (2012-Denmark)

Alicia Vikander, Mads Mikkelsen, Mikkel Boe Folsgaard Dir. Nikolaj Arcel

The beautiful young queen, married to the mentally ill and immature King Christian VII of Denmark, falls in love with her handsome physician. A simple enough tale, isn't it? This lush historical drama explores the complex world of sex and politics in 18th century Denmark, much of it secretive and risky. The good German doctor, Struensee (a real life character) becomes friend to both King and Queen, and eventually insinuates himself into the role of most powerful advisor, to an inept king whose progressive ideals run counter to his country's government council. However, he is also insinuating himself into the Queen's bed. Vikander plays the beautiful Catherine as intelligent, a woman trapped in a world of power-hungry politicans with an immature fop for a husband. Struensee (Mikkelsen) cannot help but become romantically entwined with her, and together they use their influence to bring the ideas of the Enlightenment to Denmark. The reforms are disturbing to the court, now stripped of its powers, and more intrigue ensues. The fascinating relationships are explored with sensitivity but perhaps lack in intensity. Regardless, the acting and direction are skillful and the setting (Prague) is stunning. It's a thoroughly absorbing period drama and an instructive glimpse into a part of Danish history.

Rating: 9/10

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Black Friday

by Pringlescan

Everyone knows around the end of the year there is a day which always lives in infamy among the Americans (no, not Pearl Harbor). It's a day that brings out the worst in people despite it being about giving. It's Black Friday, the day after the Thursday of November which is usually US Thanksgiving Day.

Usually after a day of eating with family and watching football you would think people wouldn't have the urge to go out and put themselves in harm's way, but alas that is incorrect. Nope, instead they wait in long lines in the cold for material goods. While not bad at that point, it's how they act when the chaos begins.

A little history about Black Friday…the origins of the phrase was penned after a financial panic, "The Panic of 1869". It was later used as a term for the days after Thanksgiving when people would call in sick to work. Also used was "Black Saturday". Throughout the 60's and 70's it was used but mostly forgotten until the 80's when it picked up steam again and became a part of American lexicon.

To me it's the most stupid thing that we could have ever thought of and continue to do! It's embarrassing when you watch videos of the chaos. I've seen videos where the doors were pushed off their hinges by the throngs of greedy masses waiting outside. People have been killed because of it. People getting stabbed, shot and beat up as well. In one case a woman pepper sprayed people in line to gain an advantage.

I've been a part of it on both sides, as a customer and a worker. The customer side for me was pretty civil. They had everything labeled and only put things out when it was time. They set everything up so that if they had X amount of an item, only X amount of people could line up for it. So only those in line could buy it. It made things easy, with no chaos. The worker side was chaotic. I was working at Walmart as an overnight stocker. As it drew closer to 6 am the people were banging on the doors wanting to come in.

I had just unloaded a pallet of sporting goods for the sale and headed to the back to get my stuff and clock out. As I was clocking out I could hear the stampeding of the customers. I was actually afraid for my life. I ran like a coward to the Security Room and stayed there for an extra 2 hours, watching the cameras waiting for my opening to leave. All the shit was bananas.

The moral of this is, relax and enjoy these times.

Nothing wrong with wanting and getting, but do it in a nice manner. Nothing at a sale is worth hurting others and making you act like a piece of shit.

Interview - KAT Torrent Helper

by Star.Sapphire

Zeke23 is a KAT **Torrent Helper** and a familiar name on KAT.cr. He is approaching his fourth year anniversary as a member of the site, and he has played several roles during that time. Zeke ("just Zeke," he told me) recently took the time to talk to me about his experiences at KAT.

Zeke is active in many areas, and always ready to offer advice to new users. He says "KAT can be a lot of fun. There's much to learn when you're new and there are many that will help, which I enjoy also." When asked what keeps him coming back to KAT, Zeke's reply mirrored his desire to help people. He said, "I am a reader so my uploading is something I also love to do so that others can get what they would like...and also the requests...so what has worked for me is staying busy." Then the Moderator in him came to the surface: "Also I love to report...infected files. I am not fond of people that are hurting others for whatever reason!"

As mentioned, Zeke is a KAT uploader. He is actually a Verified Uploader with over 3,000 uploads to his credit. His torrents consist primarily of books of all genres of literature, but you'll find some music as well. When I asked why he chose to focus more on book uploads (as opposed to music), he gave me the complete backstory. In the process, he revealed his motivation to become an uploader: "That's a bit of a story. I had a friend, a music uploader, who left KAT and I found his uploads on another site. So, since a lot of them were my requests I thought 'bring them back to KAT,' as his uploads had been removed from the site. I did that for a while but wanted something that was 'mine.' I saw there were not too many people uploading audio book files so I found a site, got a seedbox, and it worked pretty well. Six months down the line I had a lot of trouble with the seedbox companies and said the heck with it. Then I started uploading books. That took off for me, and I love it."

Although books have become his specialty, Zeke does admit to being a fan of 1980s music. He also professes a love for "rock and roll, Motown and jazz." Zeke went on to elaborate, "I like Sinatra, Tony Bennett, Ella Fitzgerald, Bobby Darin, and it goes on and on. But I enjoy good music and listen to it 24/7." One of his favorite performers, however, becomes apparent by viewing his uploads: Bob Seger. When I put forth the suggestion that Sunspot Baby is perhaps the best Seger song of all time, Zeke replied, "With all the good music he has put out...it's hard to pick just one song. As you can see, I'm a big fan of this guy."

As a Kickass veteran of almost 4 years, Zeke eventually got around to reflecting upon his early days as a member. He has previously stated, "When I first got here...I was so lost. It was scary after buzzing around for a couple years as an anon." When I asked him to elaborate on that revelation, he took the time to address KAT membership at length, offering words of advice to both registered users and anonymous users who may be hesitant about creating a user account. He addressed anonymous users first, saying, "Make an account. It's free and it's better to be part of this site than be outside it!" He went on to write, "I also would say yes it can be a bit scary too, but there are so many good members here that will go out of their way to help. Ask a lot of questions, or find a place where you can help seed. Download and upload. You will not regret it, and most of all enjoy and have fun."

In response to the above, I asked Zeke a follow-up question: "In your opinion (as an Elite Moderator) what's the single most important piece of advice that KAT members need to hear?" I think I once again detected the Moderator in him as he replied, again at length. "As a member of this site how good or bad it is depends much on treating people with respect, a "do unto others" and being willing to help each other attitude. And as this is a good site I think this is being done, but it's good to revisit it from time to time; no flaming or chasing people that do not want to be chased, no trolls. Also, seed, people – it's how it works!! I do not care if you seed for one day, a week or a month, it's all good and everybody can do it and the more you do it the better it gets."

Has Kat.cr changed very much in the (almost) four years that Zeke has been a member? He assured me that it has. "Sure, the site has changed a lot in 4 years. The good news is its still here and still a great community as it has always been. Most of the changes have been for the better. I think the site sure looks better than it did (and yeah I know it's still brown but it grows on you). I have had my ups and downs here. Mostly ups. I am glad I have been able to help in a small way, happy to have met a lot of good people, and happy I was able to remove some not so nice people."

To be sure, Zeke23 is not simply an encyclopedia of KAT knowledge or history. There is a very real person behind the screen name. For instance, his dream destination (assuming money was of no concern) is, "If I dream a bit...an island...not too hot, not too cold with seasons...and white beaches. I could go for that, as money never made me happy. I'd say also that I would want to share it with the love of my life - that would be awesome. I would need no more." He's also more than willing to admit that he's "a stubborn Irishman" ("I can be a bit slow," he says), but he's a man who is always living and learning. Invariably, though, his thoughts returned to KAT. He sent a final thought to all users:

"I still love to help. I know it's a little scary when you first get here with all the rep points and cheevos that people have, but if you need help drop me a message and if I can't help I will find someone who will help you. I always answer PM messages. And let's hope I have 4 more years here. Bless you all."

Near the end of our conversation, Zeke acknowledged that he, like everyone else, has had quite a bit of help and guidance during his time at KAT. He didn't hesitate to ask if it would be possible for him to acknowledge several of the individuals who have been particularly helpful to him. He even warned me that he had a long list. The KATalyst answer? Yes, Zeke23, we think that a KAT Elite Moderator has earned the right to speak. Here then, in Zeke's own words, are his acknowledgments:

* A few weeks after I started here I met Vixen, who started at about the same time and we have been friends since then. She has helped me a lot, a great lady!

* I needed something to do on the site and started seeding in an "adopt thread." There I met HellBoy, who became my "go to guy" as he knew a lot more than I did. He was always ready to help. Not long afterwards I met Species who put me in for Super User and just is a lovely person!

* About a year into KAT I was made a Torrent Helper. Everybody who was on the team helped me, but a few did a little more and I will always be grateful to them. They are Suzitastik, VladSam44, Xenomorph, and RonthePirate. Thanks guys.

* Suicide_King - he walked me onto being a Super Moderator and I could not have done it without him.

* Also, last but in no way forgotten are the big guys that have helped me along the way. Thanks to Mr.Gooner and Mr.Black – where would the site be without them?! I know I have not included everyone and many thanks to all the helpers I have met along the way.

KAT is the site it is because of all of you!!

Programs Review

by Techie5879

Hello guys!! I thought about some Disk Imaging Software reviews in this issue. So here are some famous disk imaging software reviews.

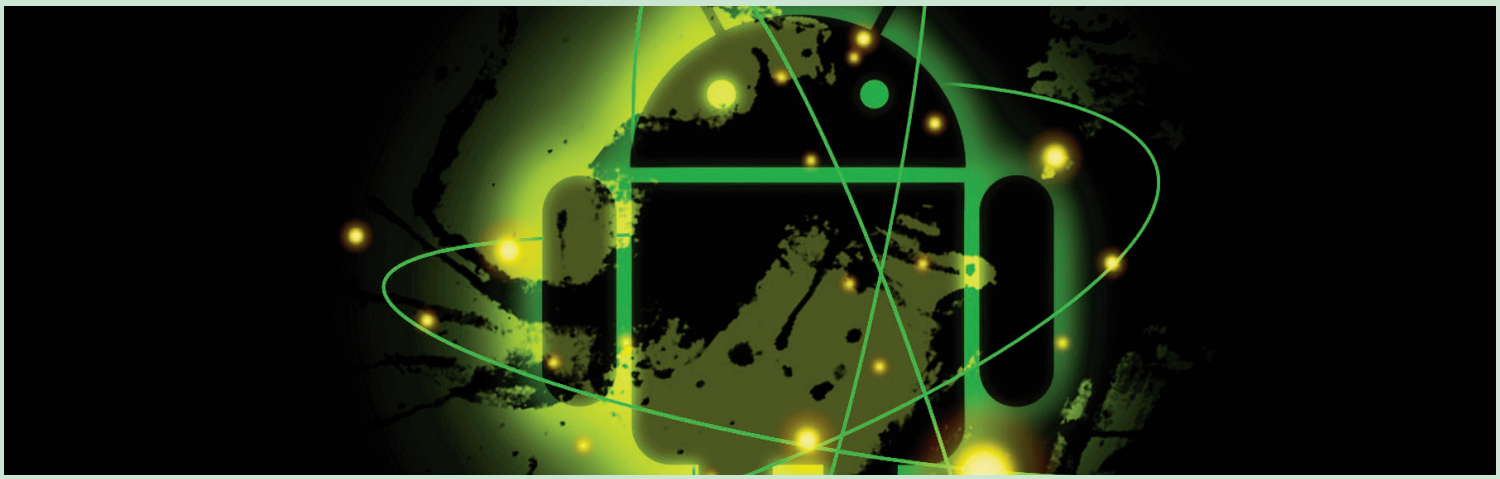
PowerISO: Personally, I use this. It is very powerful and has a cool interface. It is most commonly known for its format DAA disk image. It supports a large number of file formats, including ISO, BIN, and NRG etc. It can create, edit or mount all major image formats.

MagicISO: MagicISO, also referred to as MagicISO Maker is a very lightweight, is a CD/DVD image shareware utility that can extract, edit, create, and burn disc image files. It offers the possibility of converting between ISO and CUE/BIN and their proprietary Universal Image Format disc image format. All in all, it is very powerful.

UltraISO: Produced by EZB Systems, it has a very cool interface and is a program for Microsoft Windows only. It supports 40 languages and is available for both 32 and 64 bit machines. It even has a built in Audio Player!! It also supports command line parameters.

7-Zip: A freeware, open source file archiver, this can only extract files from disk image files like ISO, BIN etc. Available in 32 bit and 64 bit formats, this supports Windows, Linux and Mac OS X and has an extremely small size of only 1.3 MB!! It also supports command line parameters and many customizable options.

All Programs can be found on KAT using the search function



Applications Review

by Techie5879

Here come the apps. So get set Android!

Unified Remote Server: Also, known as Unified Remote, it is easily the most feature-filled computer remote. It can turn your WiFi or Bluetooth device into a remote from which you can control all sorts of things on your computer. I use this and I feel that it is a very useful app. You should try it out for sure!! **Available here!**

Secret Video Recorder Pro: Want a Spy Camera? Well, here's your solution! This super-cool app does background recording, without any preview so that you can use your phone like normal but everything (and I MEAN EVERYTHING!!) will be recorded in the background. You can even schedule a recording and even change the icon of the pro version of the app which will make it look like just a normal application for some other purpose. Come on let's spy! **Available here!**

Nova Launcher Prime: According to the opinion of 48% people using Android, there cannot be a better launcher. Cool GUI, icons that are soothing to the eye, and what more, its customizable!! You can change icons, lsayouts, animations etc. Also, it's power-efficient and performance driven. **Available here!**

AVG AntiVirus PRO Android Security: Probably the best Antivirus app for Android there is. The best feature of this app is the Camera Trap feature that emails you the photo of anyone who enters 3 wrong passwords when trying to unlock your device. It can also scan calls, SMS, web pages, apps, files in real time. These and a whole lot of other features makes this the best app when it comes to protecting your privacy. **Available here!**

IP Cam Viewer PRO: This is an awesome app to remotely view and control your CCTV, IP Camera, Network Video Recorder etc. It has an all-new motion detection technology. It also includes record mode. **Available here!**

Calvin and Hobbes

During my time on KAT I came to know a lot of Calvin and Hobbes fans.
Apparently I'm not the only one who got in love at first sight.
Why should I, right? They are spectacular.
I could tell you tons of reasons to love them.

First of all, being a child is no longer an option and as an adult, fun has limitations. You may not live it again, but you can laugh like you never did.

By Rhodes

CALVIN LEFT HOBBES SOMEWHERE IN THE WOODS. THE POOR KID'S PRETTY UPSET.
I'LL BET.
I MEAN, HE'S REALLY UPSET.
I SAID I'LL BET HE IS.
REALLY UPSET.
..AHH..
WOULD MY DAD HAVE DONE THIS? OF COURSE NOT. I WAS NEVER SPOILED LIKE THIS...

NO LUCK?
OF COURSE NOT! HOW AM I GOING TO FIND A STUFFED TIGER IN THE WOODS AT NIGHT?!
WHY CAN'T CALVIN KEEP TRACK OF HIS TOYS?! I MUST BE CRAZY TO BE OUT HERE.
HO-O-OBBES!
OOPS. HEH HEH.
I MAY BE CRAZY, BUT I'M NOT AS CRAZY AS YOU.

(Crazy, huh?!)

IS THAT YOU? DID YOU FIND HOBBES? IT'S ALMOST MIDNIGHT.
YEAH, I GOT HIM. HE WAS OUT THERE WITH THE TOBOGGAN.
OH HONEY, THANK YOU! CALVIN WILL BE SO HAPPY!!
MMF. HE'D BETTER BE, OR TOMORROW I'LL LEAVE HIM IN THE WOODS.
C'MON, WE'LL PUT HOBBES IN CALVIN'S BED SO HE'LL SEE HIM FIRST THING TOMORROW.
HE SNUGGLED UP IN HIS SLEEP! WHAT A LITTLE ANGEL!
ONLY AT NIGHT. I'M GOING TO BED.
Z

(But also adorable and sweet.)

A child's way of living, through the mind of an adult (Bill Watterson, their creator), turns things even more interesting.

BLECCHH! HOW LONG ARE THOSE TWO GONNA KEEP KISSING? THIS PROGRAM ONLY LASTS AN HOUR!
GEEZ, LOOK AT THEM SLOBBERING OVER EACH OTHER'S FACES! WHY WOULD ANYBODY DO THAT? DO THEY LIKE IT?
BED TIME.
THERE'S A CONNECTION HERE, I JUST KNOW IT.

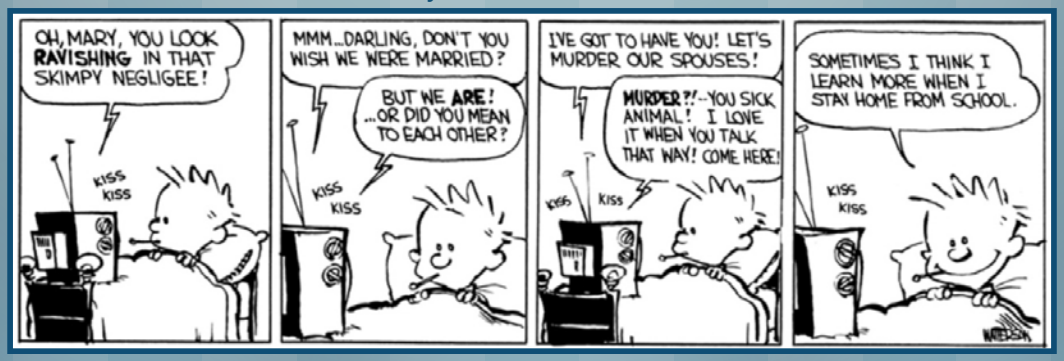
(I did this,…)

Calvin and Hobbes

(… and this one too!!)

(Thank God I was wise enough for not doing that… although I regret it sometimes)

Who doesn't love sarcasm and irony?


OH, MARY, YOU LOOK RAVISHING IN THAT SKIMPY NEGLIGEE!
KISS KISS
MMM...DARLING, DON'T YOU WISH WE WERE MARRIED?
BUT WE ARE! ...OR DID YOU MEAN TO EACH OTHER?
KISS KISS
I'VE GOT TO HAVE YOU! LET'S MURDER OUR SPOUSES!
MURDER?! YOU SICK ANIMAL! I LOVE IT WHEN YOU TALK THAT WAY! COME HERE!
KISS KISS
SOMETIMES I THINK I LEARN MORE WHEN I STAY HOME FROM SCHOOL.
KISS KISS

(A tip for those parenting,…)

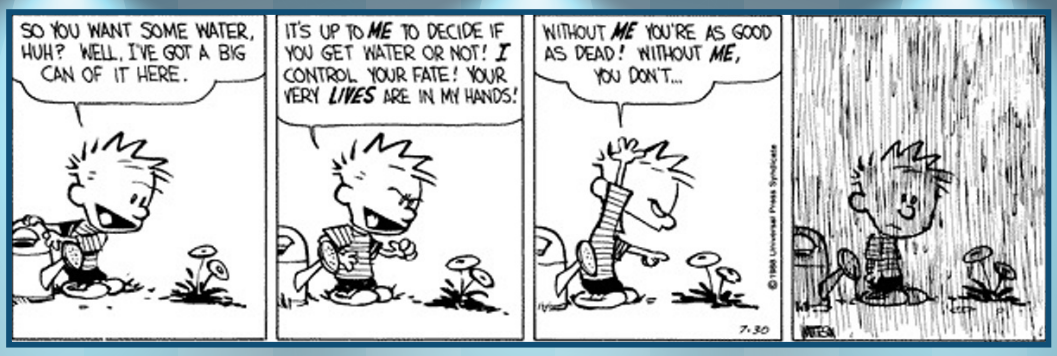
HEY CALVIN, YOU WANT TO PLAY "HOUSE"?
I DON'T KNOW. HOW DO YOU PLAY?
OKAY... FIRST, YOU COME HOME FROM WORK. THEN I COME HOME FROM WORK.
WE'LL GRIPE ABOUT OUR JOBS, AND THEN WE'LL ARGUE OVER WHOSE TURN IT IS TO MICROWAVE DINNER.

(… and here is another.)

We also have some meditative approaches.

Calvin and Hobbes

Calvin and Hobbes, it's all about love and fun.
Hope to get a smile from you while reading these comics!!
You can read more in here
Have fun!!


SO YOU WANT SOME WATER, HUH? WELL, I'VE GOT A BIG CAN OF IT HERE.
IT'S UP TO ME TO DECIDE IF YOU GET WATER OR NOT! I CONTROL YOUR FATE! YOUR VERY LIVES ARE IN MY HANDS!
WITHOUT ME YOU'RE AS GOOD AS DEAD! WITHOUT ME, YOU DON'T...

DO YOU BELIEVE OUR DESTINIES ARE DETERMINED BY THE STARS?
NAH.
OH, I DO.
REALLY? HOW COME?
LIFE'S A LOT MORE FUN WHEN YOU'RE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR ACTIONS.

(Can you believe this guy?)

Sometimes we even need to read, we just see and laugh.

One thing is for sure, the kid is too smart for his age.

But wait until you see his ~~stuffed real~~ tiger.

CALVIN! QUIT CRASHING AROUND!
HOBBES JUMPED ME, MOM! I WAS FIGHTING FOR MY VERY SURVIVAL!!
SURE, CALVIN. LOOK, I DON'T WANT TO SEW HOBBES UP AGAIN, SO WHY DON'T YOU TWO GO DO SOMETHING QUIET?
OKAY, OKAY...
YOU SISSY. MOM ALWAYS TAKES YOUR SIDE!
THAT'S BECAUSE SHE WANTED ANOTHER TIGER, NOT YOU!

Silly Jokes

From KAT users for KAT users

Three old drinking buddies meet every day for breakfast at the café. "It's windy today," says the first man.
"No, it's Thursday!" replies the second.
"Me too," replies the third, "let's get out of this café and go get a damn beer!"

As an old Italian Mafia Don lay dying he called his grandson to his bedside.
"Grandson, I want you to listen to me. I want for you to take my chrome plated .38 revolver, so you will always remember me."
"But," whined the grandson, "I really don't like guns, Grandpa. How about leaving me your Rolex watch instead?"
"You listen to me," responded the Don. "Some day you are gonna be running the business. You are going to have a beautiful wife, lots of money, a big home and maybe a couple of bambino."
"Someday you are going to come home and maybe find your wife in bed with another man. What are you going to do then…point to your watch and say, 'Times up?' "

A girl I was seeing asked me to go out and get something that made her look sexy.
You should have seen the look on her face when I came back with a case of beer.

I called that Rape Advice Hot Line earlier today.
Unfortunately, it's only for victims…

A blonde and a brunette are getting in the elevator, along comes this really hot guy.
The girls noticed he has a really bad dandruff problem.
The brunette whispers to the blonde, "Someone should give him Head and Shoulders",
And the blonde says, "How do you give shoulders?"

There was the woman who goes to the dentist.
As he leans over to begin working on her, she grabs his crotch tightly.
The dentist says, "Madam, I believe you've got a hold of my privates."
She replies, "Yes I do! Now, we're going to be careful NOT to hurt each other, aren't we?"

Q. What is it when a man talks nasty to a woman?
A. Sexual harassment.
Q. What is it when a woman talks nasty to a man?
A. About $3.99 a minute!

Time Passes

The seconds pass...
We take a look back...
At what our lives had held...
The minutes pass...
Seeing what fell through the cracks...
Parts of our lives were so compelled...
The hours pass...
Thinking what we learned...
What we taught...
What we forgot...
The days pass...
Wishing a lot could be returned...
For things we have earned...
Wishing we would of never fought...
Hoping bad things are forgot...
Years pass...
Standing alone...
Boy have they all grown...
Married and gone...
and on their own...
Your life passes...
You stand very proud...
Looking at how they raise their own...
You did well...
Live on...
Be strong...
You did nothing wrong...

The Soldiers Life...

A baby is born on Tuesday,
Soldiers dying in Iraq today.
People with their hot Starbuck's lattes
Soldiers chasing their fears away.
Children playing, running around,
Soldiers dying on the battleground.
Stars fill the sky at night,
Soldiers fighting, shooting on sight.
People on the beach getting a tan,
Soldiers fought in Viet-Nam.
Teens drinking soda, eating apple pie,
Soldiers are young, not wanting to die.
Couples up on lovers lane,
Soldiers fight in the heat, wanting it to rain.
Lovers take in a show,
Soldiers in Korea, froze in the snow.
Families shop for food at the grocery store,
Soldiers fighting a year in this war.
Surfers looking for the perfect wave,
Soldiers buried in an unmarked grave.
People talking on their cell phones,
Soldiers wounded in a battlezone.
Priests bury soldiers where they die,
Parents never understand why!

I'm A Soldier...

The pain of a wound,
the pain of the bullet passing through me,
living with this anger in me,
i'm a soldier, i love this about me.

walking the streets with respect,
to make it perfect,
free from any threat,
away from any kind of death,
i've faced death a million times
so families can dine,
i'm a soldier, i love this about me.

dodging ied's, bullets, and landmines,
to see kids smiling across the borderlines,
i have no regrets being a soldier,
i've taken alot upon my shoulder,
facing bullets, being brave and bolder,
i'm a soldier, i love this about me.

emotionless, and fearless,
seeing blood every day, i am merciless,
i'm not a killing machine, i'm just a human being,
i show no mercy in my eyes, no love in my cries,
i'm a soldier, i love this about me.

terrible places
tough, grim faces,
dark, frightening nights,
missing my lovely wife,
memories of a decent life,
leaving the war,
no more pain anymore
i'm a soldier, i love this about me.

The Soldier Gives....

the soldier gives...
the right to bear arms,
carrying his weapon into wars,
the soldier keeps us safe from harm,
defending us on all foreign shores

the soldier gives...
the right to protest,
standing up against everything that is wrong,
the soldier keeps us safe when we rest,
defending through nights so long

the soldier gives...
the right to free speech,
speaking what is on his mind,
the soldier keeps our safety in reach,
leaving his friends, family and home behind,

the soldier gives...
the right to free press,
the stories he will have to tell,
the soldier keeps us safe from distress,
by going through a living hell

the soldier gives...
the right to religious freedom,
taking a moment to stop and pray,
the soldier keeps us safe from things to come,
being on the battlefield every day.

Poetry by Entropy169

FOR MY LOVE

In this world of confusion
There is one thing I know
There are times when you're high
and sometimes when you're low

The trick is to find
Someone you can share
All of the good times
And the times you can't bear

And I've found that person
She has stolen my heart
I can't bear the times
When we are apart

I've waited for her
For all of my life
And I'll soon have the honour
To call her my wife

Much more than just die for her
For her I will live
To make this girl smile
Any price I would give

This woman completes me
And I think she should know
That I cherish our time
For together we grow

We share a bond
That money can't buy
I can't give her everything
But damn it, I'll try

For she is my life
And my reason to be
If I didn't have her
Then I couldn't be me

We are part of each other
In so many ways
I love her so much
Even more every day

I know we are meant
To make this journey together
For she completes me
And I'll love her forever

KAT

I log onto KAT
Look at what's being said
Open my mind
Venture out through the threads
Embark on a journey
Knowing not where it ends
I meet many new people
Create many new friends
Kindred spirits
All on the same trip
Surrounded by pirates
Sailing on the same ship
Together a community
Observed through a screen
Rebels with a cause
Rage against the machine
Everyone so friendly
Now nightly I roam
Through this place that's become
Somewhere I feel at home.

Poetry by Entropy169

RESOLUTION

Sitting on my own
As the dark begins to fade
The rising sun gives light
To all these promises I've made

A time to start things over
To look at things anew
A way to break these chains
That leave me trapped and feeling blue

Then déjà vu takes hold
As truth slaps me in the face
Reminds me that this time last year
I was in the same place

That startling realisation
That I've been here before
12 months to this very day
Since last I dreamt of more

Another year older
Yet, with nothing more to show
I'm going round in circles here
Just bouncing to and fro

I need to find a way
To break this cycle that I'm in
To stop procrastinating
Finally let my life begin

I can't keep going on like this
Something's gotta give
I need to make a change
So I can finally start to live

I've got to move things forward
I need to find a way
To not have this same feeling
On next New Year's Day

REQUIEM

As I wake to face this morning
I wipe away a tear
Stifled by the knowledge
That you're no longer here

Forced to spend my days
Without you by my side
The world became a darker place
The moment that you died

Taken from us much too soon
It really isn't fair
This world will never be the same
Not without you there

Oh, what I would give
Just for one more day
One last moment with you
There's so much that I would say

But I'll never get that chance
So I just want to know
Why is it the best people
Are always first to go?

Poetry by watertiger

Daydream

When I look down
I see strange places racing by
Soaring higher than an eagle
Carried by a mighty wind
I fly swiftly
Over mysterious landscapes
While worlds rush by
Then I look straight smiling
Content with my majestic flight
I am back now
Treading the walkway
Attached to this speck of dust
Above me nothing
But vast space
Behind a whiff of blue

Flower

One day
It will be more painful
To remain enclosed
In a bud
Than to flower

Poetry by watertiger

Il bel far niente (The beauty of doing nothing)

Rather than
Thinking and labouring
I prefer
To sit leisurely or stroll
In a soothing place
At a soothing pace
Enjoy the present
Watch life passing
Without labelling
Without categorizing
The mind calm
It feels closer
To my true nature

Predicament

Attached to thoughts
And the emotions begotten
Identifying with the past
Projecting into the future
A mind
Chained to form and time
Avoiding the here and now
Unable to see unity in diversity
This is my existential crisis
Nothing else

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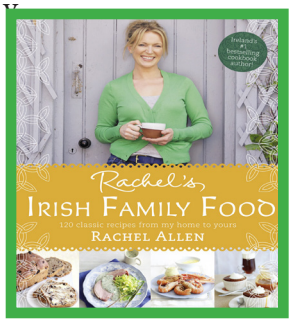

Rachel's Irish Family Food = 120 Classic Recipes From My Home To Yours

March 17. Prepare your St. Patrick Day or the Feast of Saint Patrick with the help of.

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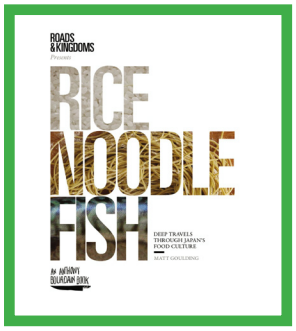
From the #1 Bestselling Cookbook author of Ireland, Rachel's Irish Family Food is full of hearty, comforting and nourishing dishes inspired by both traditional and modern Irish cooking. Fancy a casual supper with your family or a big feast to celebrate St. Patrick Day? Rachel takes you from preparation to table with minimum fuss, plenty of tips and menu ideas to rise to every occasion.



Rice Noodle Fish = Deep Travels Through Japan's Food Culture.

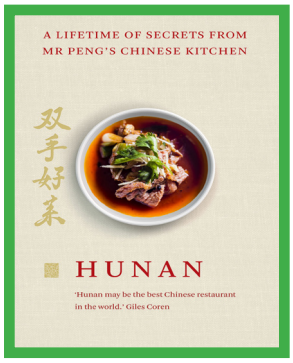
March 21. Celebrate Vernal Equinox Day with this exquisite travelogue.

A meticulously curated pilgrimage through Japanese cuisine that combines culinary adventure, cultural commentary, history and geopolitical reflections...all mesmerizingly written by two experienced, savvy travelers who nevertheless have not lost their sense of infectious awe and insatiable curiosity at the world, one that food enthusiasts will devour in one sitting.

Made in India = Recipes from an Indian Family Kitchen

March 23. Play and laugh, indulge and share the many delicacies of Holi, The Festival of Colour.

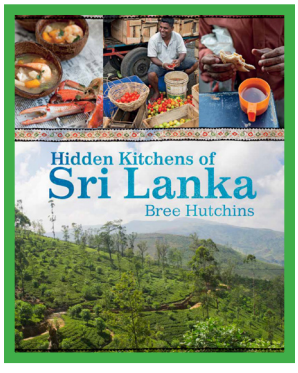
A feast of over 130 delicious recipes with everything from the ultimate classic hot chapatis to sassy street food like chili paneer; beet and feta samosas, from fragrant and perfect cinnamon lamb curry to colorful and mouth-watering pomegranate and mint raita, pistachio and saffron kulfi. Made In India will change the way you cook, eat, and think about Indian food forever.


A Lifetime of Secrets from Mr Peng's Chinese Kitchen
双手好菜
Hunan
'Hunan may be the best Chinese restaurant in the world.' Giles Coren

Hunan = A Lifetime of Secrets from Mr. Peng's Chinese Kitchen

April 4. Burn an incense stick to commemorate the revered Ancestors Remembrance Day.

Hunan is a landmark book that captures the essence of a unique menu from a unique character: Mr. Peng, the 70 years old chef of the best Chinese restaurant in London. The exciting, unexpected and eye-opening dishes just keeps coming for a superb feast of absurbly delicious food. Mr. Peng is the maestro of a chaotic medley of food, conjuring the most fabulous titbits out of a basement kitchen.

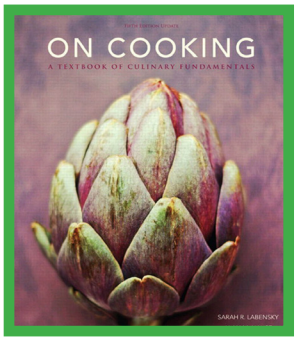


Hidden Kitchens Of Sri Lanka by Bree Hutchins

April 14. Happy Sinhalese New Year! Also known as Aluth Avurudda in Sri Lanka.

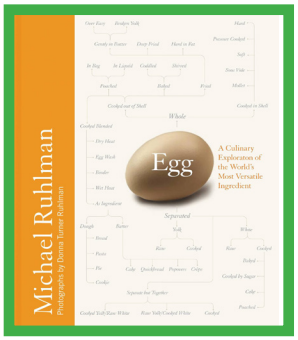
Like the island itself, this book is an absolute gem, evocatively written and beautifully photographed. Interwoven with poignant stories of people from all walks of Sri Lankan life, it gives the reader a real appreciation for this stunning island, its warm-hearted inhabitants and delicious cuisine. It will certainly spiced up your ebookshelf!

★ Editor's Picks ★



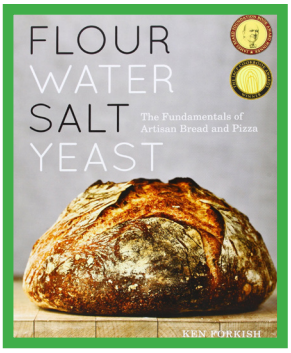
On Cooking = A Textbook of Culinary Fundamentals - Fifth Edition Update

This is the essential text book that stands the test of time. For nearly two decades, On Cooking: A Textbook of Culinary Fundamentals has instructed thousands of aspiring chefs in the making. The Fifth Edition Update continues its proven approach to teaching both the principles and practices of culinary fundamentals while guiding you toward a successful career in the culinary arts.



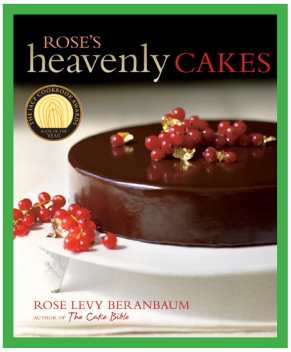
Egg = A Culinary Exploration of the World's Most Versatile Ingredient

If there is a single indispensable ingredient in cooking, it has to be the egg. It binds together the humble meatloaf, gives dramatic height to an elegant soufflé, renders a hollandaise sauce silky on the tongue, and clarifies a cloudy broth. As useful as it is elegant, as comforting as it is revelatory, "Egg" elevates its humble subject to well-deserved heights, providing detailed (and delicious) instructions along the way.



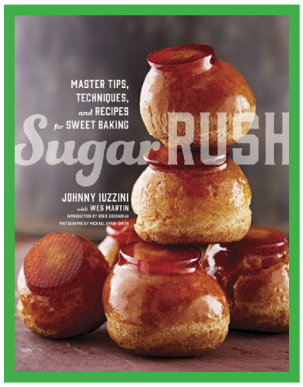
Flour Water Salt Yeast = The Fundamentals of Artisan Bread and Pizza

Whether you're a total beginner or a serious baker, Flour Water Salt Yeast has a recipe that suits your skill level and time constraints: Start with a straight dough and have fresh bread ready by supper time, or explore pre-ferments with a bread that uses biga or poolish. If you're ready to take your baking to the next level, follow Forkish's step-by-step guide and be amazed by the delicious complexity of your bread and pizza.



Rose's Heavenly Cakes

This is the younger sister of The Cake Bible, one of the bestselling cookbooks of all time, penned by Rose Levy Beranbaum, a much beloved and widely respected baking legend. It's stacked with delicious, decadent, and spectacularly beautiful cakes of all kinds in Rose's trademark easy-to-follow, expertly tested recipe style for perfectly delicious results every time.



Sugar Rush = Master Tips, Techniques, and Recipes for Sweet Baking

Johnny Iuzzini is a winner of the James Beard award for Outstanding Pastry Chef and recognized as one of the 10 Most Influential Pastry Chefs in America by Forbes, was the executive pastry chef of the world-renowned Jean Georges restaurant in New York City for ten years and also the head judge of Top Chef: Just Desserts. The guy definitely knows his craft.

H.P.Lovecraft Biography

Part 2 of 3 – The Necronomicon *by Star.Sapphire*

"It seems an archaeologist had come to this remote place to translate and study his latest find: Necronomicon ex Mortis, The Book of the Dead. Bound in human flesh and inked in blood, this ancient Sumerian text contained bizarre burial rites, funerary incantations and demon resurrection passages. It was never meant for the world of the living. The book awoke something dark in the woods. It took Linda, and then it came...for me." **- Bruce Campbell, Army Of Darkness.**

In the first portion of this series we were introduced to the life and work of author H.P. Lovecraft. In this second entry we shall briefly dwell upon one of his more well-known literary creations – an ancient and terrible book which Lovecraft styled, "the unmentionable Necronomicon of the mad Arab Abdul Alhazred."

For a relatively obscure author who was known to be shy and retiring, Howard Phillips Lovecraft (d. 1937) left behind quite a legacy. During his lifetime he influenced such individuals as Robert E. Howard and Robert Bloch (creators of Conan the Barbarian and Psycho, respectively). After his death he became the inspiration for an entire sub-genre of literature ("Lovecraftian horror"), and much later a collection of his short stories entitled *The Lurker in the Shadows* made a young man named Stephen King realize that he wanted to write. King himself has stated, "I knew that I'd found home when I read that book."

Another book – *The Necronomicon* – is perhaps the most popular plot device to appear in Lovecraft's works. *The Necronomicon* is a fictional book of magic – a "grimoire" – that was originally written in Arabic, and then later translated into both Greek and Latin. The book is said to contain secrets so terrible that it is dangerous simply to look upon its pages. According to established (but of course fictional) history, most copies were burned long ago and those that do survive are usually kept under lock and key – if their existence is admitted to at all, that is. Even the author of *The Necronomicon,* a man Abdul Alhazred, seems to have fallen victim to the powerful beings that can be summoned from the book's pages. As Lovecraft tells it, he died or at least vanished in 738 AD in Yemen, with multiple witnesses affirming that he was consumed in broad daylight by an entity which could not be seen.

Lovecraft's habit was to occasionally insert various references and sometimes brief quotes from *The Necronomicon* into his short stories. The use of the book as a plot device is an example of a literary technique called the false document. The technique is used to produce believability and credibility within works of fiction, and it seems to have worked amazingly well: perhaps too well. As early as 1934, Lovecraft added postscript to a letter in which he wrote, "Just had 2 more enquiries as to the reality of The Necronomicon!"

Author, L. Sprague de Camp, in his biography of H.P. Lovecraft, wrote that many individuals began to believe that *The Necronomicon* was a real work, and that libraries would occasionally receive inquiries from interested readers. In other cases, pranksters would insert entries into library card cataloging systems. As late as 1977, Avon Books published a work purporting to be the "real Necronomicon" - and a KAT search produced other "genuine" (!) copies as well. As for Lovecraft, he wrote, "Regarding the Necronomicon — I must confess that this monstrous & abhorred volume is merely a figment of my own imagination!"

In another letter, Mr. Lovecraft wrote that the title "Necronomicon" came to him in a dream. We shall take his word for it, while noting that the book he dreamed up continues to inspire artists, musicians, and the media. *The Evil Dead* series, specifically *Army Of Darkness,* as well as the new *Ash vs Evil Dead* series are built upon the foundation of *The Necronomicon*. There are no less than eight commercially available versions of The Necronomicon and there are at least 22 movies that feature or directly reference the book. One of these, a 1993 anthology named (what else?) *Necronomicon: Book of The Dead,* can be downloaded from KAT. Enjoy.

The Boat Trip

by olderthangod

The boat trip itself!, this is really strange, we must have been on that ship for many days and I can't remember a damn thing about it..maybe I was seasick or something..I can remember walking up a gangplank with a cardboard suitcase and onto the ship, and I can remember being guided off the ship by my dad into a long hangar-like structure in Toronto with a bunch of other people ... but the trip itself ? The memories are just not there, gone.

When we arrived, my first impression of Toronto was the cold, it was a February or March I believe, and it was a very different kind of cold to what I was used too. It was a dry cold...not the bone deep, damp cold found in the UK, so it felt almost warm to me. The next few weeks are something of a blur, we were housed in long wooden buildings resembling a barracks with other families, each family were designated rooms of their own. Being just 10 years old I quickly made friends with other kids around my age and we used to go exploring in the local hangouts.

My father quickly got a job at a local lumber mill and worked all hours of the day and night, he had a plan. Mother also got a job as a waitress/barmaid at 'Kelly's', that's all I remember of the place. So I was left home to look after little brother, naturally we got into trouble, the usual kid stuff, nothing serious. Mom would bring home any food that was destined for the trash, so we didn't have to scrounge any more, we also got some good dental care which we needed...within a few months we had all put on some healthy weight which was denied us in the UK, food rationing was still in force over there and didn't end until 1954....which was great if you had a job with wages coming in and the money to pay for it, but we didn't.

School in Toronto was a necessary evil, this was a first for me, my first ever proper school, there were 3 of us Brit immigrants that day and the Canuck bullies were out in force...kids can be the cruelest sometimes...I put up with it for about 6 months, I didn't want to cause any trouble being a new arrival. It wasn't just for me, it was all the other kids who were being bullied too, but one day I just lost it, I picked the biggest bully of them all, a sadistic bastard named Kenny, who had a fat face and piggy eyes, and put him in the hospital for 3 weeks! London UK after the war years were all about learning how to survive for us kids, either you fight or you go down, and I wasn't going down. When I think about the past, it was almost like the modern day gang culture. If you didn't live on this street, you got beat up... his parents went apeshit until it was explained to them by the local cops what really happened, plus the threat of being sued, then they backed off. I never saw Kenny again.

Soon we were allocated a bungalow of our own by the powers that be in Toronto, I didn't know the details, at 10 years old going on 11, the details were of no importance to me. We moved in approx. 9 months after arriving in Toronto, Mom and Dad continued their working routine, as did me and little brother, soon to be joined by baby sister unknown to me, nobody tells me anything!

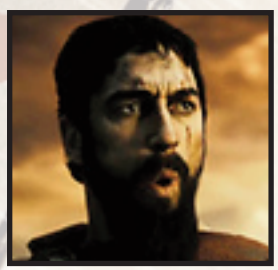
School was easy, the atmosphere was warm and relaxed, I had to struggle sometimes to stay awake at my desk, on occasions I had to explain to other kids what we had just learned, so I had a kind of 'after school' session going with some of the kids. I didn't understand why they found it so difficult?

That was about it for the next 5 or 6 years, we gradually integrated into the local community, made lots of friends, Mom became something of a local celebrity because she sang with a band that did the rounds of the bar's. Dad was now one of the foremen at the mill and at age 15 or so I got a job there sweeping up sawdust. I'll always remember the smell of fresh cut timber, I had a girlfriend or two, and no, I'm not telling you what we did....

Second thoughts, if you're interested, you can discover 'what we did' here:
https://kat.cr/blog/olderthangod/post/my-first-time/

I was 16 when Dad came home one day and told us..."We're moving!"

Dad's plan was coming into effect. To be continued...



Interview - Translator Bartacus

by DemonessPr1me

It took me a while to locate the mighty Spartan but I finally managed to do so after hours and hours of battling through PM's and walls and the battlefield called the KAT Translation Department. Let me tell you something, you have true heroes right there dressed in dark green. Bartacus was doing his job battling FAQ, without using Google Translate of course, and I offered him a girly drink to bring his spirits up and to have a few minutes of his time hoping to get a short interview from him...I got this instead.

Q 1. B*artacus, let us start by learning the origin of your screen name. Was it chosen as the spur of the moment thing or does it hold a deeper meaning for you?*

A 1.Bartacus is a mixture of my real name and that of Spartacus. Why Spartacus? Spartacus to me is the greatest man that ever lived. A Roman soldier who was imprisoned, later sold as a gladiator, but escaped and turned into a great rebellion leader. The power of Spartacus was his love for others. All Spartacus wanted to do was to go home to his wife he loved so much, but he felt obligated to help all the slaves and gladiators that also broke free and saw him as their leader. He defeated the mightiest army ever 7 times until he and his followers were captured.

I cannot compare myself to this man by any means and never will, but I am trying the best I can. I try to be as good as possible to others and try to protect those that have trouble protecting themselves.

Spartacus literally means Spartan (no one knows his real name), so it's pretty obvious why I use Spartans as my avatar and signature.

Q 2. B*artacus, tell us a little something about your* KAT *path, how did you get to this point of having the title of a* T*ranslator?*

A 2. I joined KAT because I had a question about a game I tried to install. I first asked as an anonymous, but no one answered. I thought I'll have more luck if I create an account and was part of the community. And I was right, I got my answer! After a couple of hours I looked at my profile Wall and found 2 messages hanging there. If I recall correctly those were from KAT veteran members elma and axe-1 . The welcome messages said I could PM (I didn't even know what PM meant at the time) them if I had questions. I never really sent them a PM with questions, I felt really welcomed. More because I was looking for a new community to take part in, since the one I left was falling apart. I was already a pirate even before the internet existed, so why not be part of a pirate community!

I found all kinds of fun threads like the Number Game. Users that were playing sent me a PM (first PM I ever got on KAT), explaining the Rules of the game. It was done in such a friendly way, I wasn't nervous to try it again. Some time passed and I

made a lot of friends just by talking nonsense on the threads. Well, they became friends just because we found out we had the same humour and got talking through PM because of that.

After being a member for over a year, I saw a 10 minute old thread popping up in the Dutch community about the bad site translations, mainly about the grammar. Eppo (also Dutch and Site Admin at the time) posted on the thread that the user was right about the mess and if anyone dared to clean it up, he could PM him about it. I didn't hesitate for a second being a grammar-nazi. (Don't mind the grammar of my English though..lol). I said I would get it fixed within 2 days....me and my big mouth! I did it within 2 days, but it took me at least 30 hours to complete. Comparing texts, changing the smallest details, you name it.....and when I thought I was finished, I found a whole lot more to correct/adjust. I know I could take longer, but I'm a man of my word and I made that promise, so I had to keep it and I didn't want to fail the admins at the first promise I made of course.

Q 3. *Did you have a hard time fitting in, did you ever feel like you don't belong here on* KAT *or did you always feel like a part of the Community?*

A 3. Yes, there were times I felt left out. This happened to me a lot in the beginning. I was new and didn't have many friends. Of course I had users in my Friend list, but most of them were just there to fill up my list. I was trying to fit in by posting some funny stuff in the hopes people would react to that! I started to feel at home when I met some SUs. I really looked up to those guys, so I almost felt honored that they were talking to me (turned out they are just a bunch of wackos just like me). I think the first Super User I made contact with was Dr.Yetti (now Deckard.Shaw). He helped me with really simple stuff, that others didn't want to help me with, because I should know these things being a year old member at the time. I was only downloading and posting some stuff on threads, so I never looked any further. I was intrigued by all of what I saw and I tried to remember as much as possible so I could help others....and make friends that way. It seemed to work, because I made a lot of friends including SUs and higher.

The second time I felt left out was when I got promoted to Translator. All of a sudden I was one of the VIPs. I didn't have the same idea about these guys as I had in the beginning, but hell, I was there on the largest torrent site on the internet. As loud as I was before, just as quiet I was then. It was hard to fit in. I was trying my best, but although I was becoming a known user on KAT, I still had the feeling I had to work hard to fit in. They were old and wise *cough* users and I still had a lot to learn. It took me quite some time, but I managed to fit in quite well!

Q 4. *Well Barty, you really know how to make me laugh, and I know I'm not the only one who appreciates your great sense of humour. Do you try to be funny or does it just come natural to you?*

A4. Haha, glad to hear that!! I'm not trying to be funny, this is just who I am or better yet, who I became. I don't take life too seriously, I'm not going to survive it anyway. I've seen the darker side of life several times and it really dragged me down. I said to myself: "I can do 2 things: I can take all of it seriously and die of a heart attack when I'm 30 or just don't give a shit!" I chose the latter.

Q 5. *Who is your favourite stand-up comedian?*

A 5. He's Dutch: Hans Teeuwen.

Q 6. *Does mighty Bartacus prefer summer or winter and why?*

A 6. Winter, because I'm hot!!

Q 7. *Describe yourself in 5 words maximum.*

A 7. 1.Passionate 2. Inventive 3. Righteous 4. Straightforward 5. Smartass

Q 8. *Let's get serious here for a moment. I hear you're an animal lover. Is that correct or are those just whispers about the mighty Spartan? If you could choose any animal in the world which would it be and why?*

A 8. Very true, I love animals. They are pure. I got this question answered by my sister and she compared me with a grizzly bear. She gave the following explanation: "You are big and a grizzly bear is the largest bear of them all, but you are also strong. Besides, a grizzly bear can be very protective and lovable if it's treated right, but it gets dangerous when it's hungry or threatened. That's when you have to watch out and not make any sudden movements. Pretty much the same with you". Well, there you have it! I'm a grizzly bear!! I love my sister...lol

Q 9. *What is your secret desire you one day wish to make true (real life)?*

A 9. A trip around the world and see everything, but I mean everything!! From the pyramids in Egypt to the Rocky Mountains in the USA. From the Taj Mahal in India to the outback of Australia! I want to see it all with my own eyes!

Q 10. *You mentioned a drink, what's your favourite 'poison'?*

A 10. I like girly drinks. Do you know Safari? I like that with some Orange juice....or just go hardcore and kill a bottle of Vodka.

Q 11. *If you could pick any movie you would like to relive in real life, which would it be and what role would you play in it?*

A 11 . Well, that's easy!! The Matrix and I would be Neo. Creating my own world on the go! Go anywhere and change everything the way I see fit!

Q 12. *What is your 'guilty pleasure' ?*

A 12. I like to eat a lot of candy when I'm watching a movie or surfing the internet. I can kill a big bag of candy within 30 minutes sometimes. Luckily I usually have a spare bag I can turn to if the first one is empty that fast!

Q 13. *Anything else you would like our readers to know about you? Some hidden talent or a slightly 'embarrassing' one maybe? You know, maybe a mighty Spartan likes to knit or play with unicorns called Sparkle? I am just throwing out ideas here.*

A 13. I love to cuddle with my cats Sushi and Isa. They often lie on my lap or sprawled on my shoulders while I'm at my computer or watching a movie on the couch. Those naughty fuzzballs are my everything and they are way too spoiled actually, but I just can't help it. I love those critters!!

Q 14. *Thank you, Bartacus, for taking the time from your busy schedule *hands you another girly drink* and letting us take a peek into your life. It has truly been a pleasure talking to you. Why don't you give our readers one great Spartan goodbye for now?*

A 14. I'm honored you chose me to be your interviewee. I am like the old Spartans - straightforward and straight to the point, therefore I would like to end this interview with a quote from the Spartan King Agis and let this be my thought for the day in a true Spartan way: "When you are silent, you are worthless"

Silly Jokes

From KAT users for KAT users

A Jew, a Catholic and a Mormon were having drinks at the bar after an interfaith convention.
The Jew, bragging about his virility said, “I have four sons, one more and I’ll have a basketball team!”
The Catholic scoffed at this accomplishment, stating, “That’s nothing, I have 10 sons, one more and I’ll have a football team!”
To which the Mormon replied, “You fellers ain’t got a clue. I have 17 wives, one more and I’ll have a golf course!”

A man was stranded on a deserted island for 10 years.
One day a beautiful girl swims to shore in a wet suit.
Man: “Hi! Am I ever happy to see you!”
Girl: “Hi! It seems like you’ve been here a long time. How long has it been since you’ve had a smoke?”
Man: “It’s been 10 years!” With this information the girl unzips a slot on the arm of her wet suit and gives the man cigarette.
Man: “Oh, thank you so much!”
Girl: “So tell me how long it’s been since you had a drink?”
Man: “It’s been ten years”! The girl unzips a little longer zipper on her wet suit and comes out with a flask of tequila and gives the man a drink.
Man: “Oh, thank you so much…you are like a miracle!”
Finally the girl starts to unzip the front of her wet suit and asks the man seductively, “So tell me then, how long has it been since you played around?”
The man looked at her and said excitedly: “Oh my God, don’t tell me you’ve got a set of golf clubs in there too??”

A retired gent went to apply for Social Security. After waiting in line for quite a long time, he arrives at the counter.
The woman behind the counter asked him for his identification to verify his age.
He looked in his pockets and realized he has left his wallet at home.
He told the woman that he seemed to have left his wallet at home, “will I have to go home and come back now?” he asked.
The woman said, “Unbutton your shirt.” he opens his shirt revealing lots of curly silver hair.
She says, “that silver hair on your chest is proof enough for me” as she processes his application.
When he gets home, the man excitedly tells his wife about this experience at Social Security Office.
She says, “You should have dropped your pants, you might have qualified for Disability, too!

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Book Reviews

by felix56

Matt Bell - Scrapper

This story is set in the near future, one that has stagnated. It's a story of urban decay and the human cost. It could be next week, next year or 20-30 years from now. But if so, it's a future where humans and their future has stagnated and is in decline. Where there are no innovations, only the breaking down of existing technologies.

At one point, early in the story, its main protagonist, Kelly, reflects:

"He didn't think his was the final generation, but perhaps the last might already be born."

The Plot

Kelly is a 'Scrapper'. He collects scrap metal and anything else he can salvage from a large section of Detroit, which has been abandoned, due to the collapse of a once thriving car industry and the subsequent unemployment it has caused.

"Saturn, Mercury... they named a car after a god, but only after they had killed the god."

Whenever Kelly entered an uninhabited house he understood he entered some life he might have lived, how the emptiness of every room pulled him inside out; a furnishing of the self.

In order to survive his bleak existence, Kelly has drawn into himself. Shutting himself off from all but purely essential contact with other human beings.

One day, while scavenging in the ruins, Kelly finds a young boy chained to a bed. Kelly rescues the boy and is briefly hailed a hero. After finding the boy Kelly begins to question his existence; his past, his future. He decides to track down the boy's abductor, and in so doing he begins to 'awaken' again.

"His teeth were still firmly seated but he worried other connections in his head were loosening."

If Kelly had been watching anyone else, he would have been happier than watching himself.

One night Kelly meets a woman with whom he forms a relationship. The woman has a degenerative neurological disease and Kelly takes on the role of protector and provider, while searching for the boy's abductor.

There is one aspect of this novel that jarred me somewhat. There are two instances of this, in fact, where there are short vignettes, only a few pages each, which appear to bear no relation to the rest of the story. When I came to the first instance, I actually thought my copy must be corrupted. But on further investigation, this proved not to be the case. Still puzzling over this first instance, I read on and eventually arrived at the second example, which is a fellow living in the radioactive wastes of Russia's Chernobyl. He's had no human contact for eight years, following the loss of his family and at one point muses:

Once he'd had sins to confess but now he thought, "If there are no people, are there sins? Who was left to sin against?"

Which reminded me of that philosophical question;

"If a tree falls in a forest and no one is around to hear it, does it make a sound?"

So, what's this book about, I thought? It's about urban decay, some of which is taking place now and the author seems to be saying "where will it end?" It's about man's alienation from his fellow man and poses the question…'Can a good man remain a good man in the face of extreme adversity? Can he choose to be a good man?'

So there is a philosophical side to this novel. At least that was my experience. If this book were merely a recital of a bleak, dystopian near-future, it would still be good reading. Told in the author's beautifully evocative prose, it becomes something more.

"Concrete everywhere, cement everywhere else…grey clouds, grey snow and grey earth."

Indeed. I look forward to Matt Bell's next novel with avid interest.

This gets 4 stars from me. I'm tempted to give it 5, but anticipating something even better from this young author in the future.

Raymond Chandler - The Big Sleep

Ah, the wonderful Raymond Chandler.

'The Big Sleep' (a euphemism for Death), is the first novel written by Chandler, featuring the wise cracking Philip Marlowe. Chandler's style has often been copied and more often than not, butchered, by would-be, wannabe contenders, in the 70+ years since Chandler penned his wonderful Marlowe novels. Chandler practically invented the 'Noir' genre with his witty, sardonic & beautiful prose. I love how Chandler has Marlowe describe everything he comes across in such minute detail, from the colour of a woman's eyes to the cut of a fellow's suit. It enriches the atmosphere of the novel no end. Chandler sets the benchmark and penned the narrative blueprint for writers of the genre to puzzle over for generations to come.

The Plot

Philip Marlowe is summoned to the home of the wealthy, elderly, sickly General Sternwood. Sternwood wants Marlowe to investigate a fellow by the name of Geiger, who sent the General a promissory note written by his youngest daughter, Carmen, to cover a gambling debt.

"General Sternwood: You may smoke, too. I can still enjoy the smell of it. Hum, nice state of affairs when a man has to indulge his vices by proxy. You're looking, sir, at a very dull survival of a very gaudy life, crippled, paralysed in both legs, barely I eat and my sleep is so near waking it's hardly worth a name. I seem to exist largely on heat like a new born spider."

So begins a tale of unremitting delight, involving loan sharks, lives lived fast and even faster women; pornography, murder, double crosses, crooked cops and lots of wonderful, unforgettable dialogue.

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"Vivian: Speaking of horses, I like to play them myself. But I like to see them workout a little first, see if they're front runners or come from behind, find out what their whole card is, what makes them run.
Marlowe: Find out mine?
Vivian: I think so.
Marlowe: Go ahead.
Vivian: I'd say you don't like to be rated. You like to get out in front, open up a little lead, take a little breather in the backstretch, and then come home free.
Marlowe: You don't like to be rated yourself.
Vivian: I haven't met anyone yet that can do it. Any suggestions?
Marlowe: Well, I can't tell till I've seen you over a distance of ground. You've got a touch of class, but I don't know how, how far you can go.
Vivian: A lot depends on who's in the saddle."

“Vivian: So you're a private detective. I didn't know they existed, except in books, or else they were greasy little men snooping around hotel corridors. My, you're a mess, aren't you?
Philip Marlowe: I'm not very tall either. Next time I'll come on stilts, wear a white tie and carry a tennis racket.
Vivian: I doubt if even that will help.”

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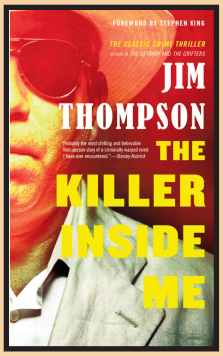
Chandler cannibalized several of his short stories to craft the Sleep.

"Killer in the Rain" (published in 1935), and "The Curtain" (published in 1936), which both feature a father struggling to cope with the behaviour of his wayward daughter, were the two main inspirations for the Sleep, as well as "Finger Man" and "Mandarin's Jade", to a lesser extent. Chandler merged characters from the two former short stories, leaving his core characters, the father, General Sternwood and the two wayward daughters, Carmen & the elder sister, Vivian.

If you've never read any of Raymond Chandler's 'Marlowe' novels, I urge you to do so.

Need I say, I give this book **5 out of 5 stars!**

Jim Thompson - The Killer Inside Me



This is my first experience of a Jim Thompson novel and if this is typical of his work, it won't be my last.

I first came across Thompson while reading an introduction in one of Richard Stark's novels, who Stark cites as one of his influences, and if you've read any of the 'Parker' novels you will notice a similar style to Thompson.

Thompson himself admired Fyodor Dostoyevsky, and critic/author Geoffrey O'Bren called Thompson the "Dime-store Dostoyevsky." While comparison with Dostoyevsky may be a 'long bow to draw' there is no doubt they share some common attributes. Both draw vivid and vibrant characters. Both authentically portray their respective eras in their use of language, social conditions, cultural attitudes and prejudices. What I love about Thompsons writing is that, of course, they were written in the era he sets his stories in. That touch of authenticity cannot be matched by modern writers, I don't believe.

'The Killer Inside Me' is told in the first person by Sheriff's Deputy Lou Ford, who to his fellow townspeople seems a likable, amiable, but somewhat dimwitted individual. This carefully cultivated facade masks a monster totally devoid of empathy for his fellow man or any 'normal' emotions we associate with what it is to be a human being.

As a teenager, Ford assaults a young girl and is caught by his older step brother, who for some inexplicable reason takes the blame and is sent to prison. Upon his release, his brother gets a job in construction and is killed on the job in mysterious circumstances. Ford blames the company's owner, Chester Conway, for his brother's death and takes his revenge by killing Conway's son.

Throughout this tale, Ford justifies his killing of Conway (and others) by claiming (to himself) that his victim's deaths were unavoidable and somehow self-defense. At one point though, during one of his many internal dialogues, he concedes he kills because he likes it.

That Deputy Lou Ford is a psychopath, there can be no doubt. You would expect Ford to have a head full of writhing serpents. But far from being the dimwit his fellow townsfolk think him to be, he is extremely cunning and adept at masking his true nature. His every act is carefully considered and ruthlessly executed.

Things start to unravel for Ford when he realizes there may be one witness who can bring his carefully constructed 'house of cards' crashing down. But even staring defeat in the face, he manages, ever the manipulator, to…

If you like great psychological thrillers, in the very best tradition of the Pulp Fiction/ Hard-boiled/Sere Noir genre, I urge you to read this. **I give this one 5 out of 5 stars.**

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